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Fire Consumes SUV in Rochester

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Approximately 4:00 pm on Saturday, January 7 – a 2000 Ford Explorer burst into flames on Braley Hill Road in North Rochester just north of the Acushnet line. Rochester Police and Fire Department officials rushed to the scene, and shut off traffic in both directions.

The occupant, an unidentified Acushnet man and his young daughter, had pulled over when an oncoming pick-up truck alerted the vehicle that flames had erupted from a leak under the vehicle, according to bystanders. They pulled over and exited the vehicle and called 911.

"The 2000 Ford Explorer quickly became fully engulfed in flames and was a total loss," said Rochester Police Chief Paul Magee. No one was injured.

The young girl was wrapped in a quilt blanket and comforted by neighbors as fire officials put out the blaze.

"It didn't take long for [the Fire Department] to come," said bystander Tony Sousa. "It blew up a couple of times when we were here."

"It is your lucky day, you are out of the car. You got to see firemen, but you need not be scared, it is okay. It's all better," said an officer to the little girl once the flames were extinguished.

"The cause of the fire is unknown at this time," added Chief Magee.



Above: Mattapoisett Fire Lt. Patrick Saltmarsh led a group of Troop 53 Boy Scouts in their quest to obtain a Fire Safety Merit Badge with a class at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church on January 10. Photo by Laura Fedak Pedulli.

On the Cover: An SUV was completely consumed by a fire in Rochester on Braley Hill Road, on Saturday evening, January 7, 2012. A passing motorist saw the flames and helped direct the occupants to safety. No injuries were reported, but Police Chief Paul Magee reported that the vehicle was a "total loss". Photo by Laura Fedak Pedulli.

Mattapoisett Car Accident Kills One

On Tuesday January 10, 2012 at 1:41 am, a motor vehicle crash occurred in the area of 119 Brandt Island Road.

The 2008 Nissan operated by Carl Pacheco, age 23 of 133 Brandt Island Road Mattapoisett, crashed when he lost control of his motor vehicle hitting trees. Mr. Pacheco was the sole occupant of the vehicle.

He was transported by the Mattapoisett Police EMS to St. Luke's Hospital where he later died due to the injuries he sustained in the crash. Mattapoisett Police Sergeant Robert Dumas is investigating the accident with the assistance of Trooper Brent Pereira of the Massachusetts State Police Accident Reconstruction Team. From Mattapoisett Press Release

Quahogs at the Mattapoisett Library

By Anne Smith

The winters of New England may be unpredictable, but one thing that remains constant is the Mattapoisett Free Public Library's reading programs for children. No matter how foul – or benign – the weather may be, the youth of Mattapoisett often spend their winter vacations reading books suggested to them by the librarians. This year, however, the winter reading program is going to be a bit different with the addition of the Quahog Book Award. For the first time in the history of the library, children from grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be voting on the recipients (one per grade) of this new award, which is a seal that will be affixed to the book copies belonging to the Mattapoisett Free Public Library.

"[The award] will encourage children to read

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quality literature and to choose their favorite from a list of ten nominated titles," said Jessica Noblet, the Secretary of the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library and initiator of the Quahog Book Award. "Each grade level will be given their own list of ten nominated books from which they can read as many titles as they choose." The ten books on each list were nominated by the Quahog Committee, which Ms. Noblet said consists of the Friends, children's librarians, and school library media specialists. The lists include books from various genres so as to appeal to all interests.

"Flyers will be sent home with students at Center School and Old Hammondtown School," Ms. Noblet said about the winter reading program. "The students need to come into the library and register to participate, at which time they will be given the list of books for their grade level." Ms. Noblet added that the children need to register at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library by January 20. The winter reading program continues through the month of February into mid-March, with the voting period taking place between March 17 and March 23. "Voting on their favorites will be done by ballot at the library," Ms. Noblet said.

Unlike the other reading programs that the Mattapoisett Free Public Library has, namely the summer reading program, this winter reading program will not have drop-in crafts or special story times. (Dates and times for the regular story times are available in the

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children's room at the librarian's desk.) Also, the winter reading program is different from the summer reading program in that it is not part of a national initiative to increase literacy. The Quahog Book Award is only being done at Mattapoisett library, Ms. Noblet said, and is not part of the SAILS Library Network.

The four winners of the Quahog Book Award will be announced on Tuesday, March 27, at 5:30 pm at the Mattapoisett Free Public Library at a pizza party. All winter reading program participants will be invited to attend. "The Quahog Book Seal is in the process of being created," Ms. Noblet said about its design, "but it will be circular and simple. It will have a drawing of a quahog and state 'Quahog Book Award chosen by Mattapoisett


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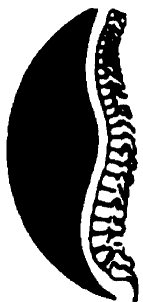


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Children who read at least five nominees from their grade's list will be invited to a sleepover in the library, to be called "Quahog Night." The sleepover will be from 7:00 pm to 7:00 am and will have snacks, games, movies, and crafts. "We will hold a sleepover for the girls on Friday, March 23," Ms. Noblet said, "and a sleepover for the boys on Friday, March 30."

"This is the first year we are launching the award / program," Ms. Noblet said, "and it is only being offered to grades 3 - 6. If we find that it is successful and interest is shown at the young adult level, we will consider including them next year."

Rochester Women's Club Raises the Roof

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

In a networking session last Thursday evening, Rochester Women's Club Co-Presidents Marsha Hartley and Nancy Boutin reviewed the club goals accomplished in 2011. Completing two-thirds of an ongoing roofing project was first on the list.

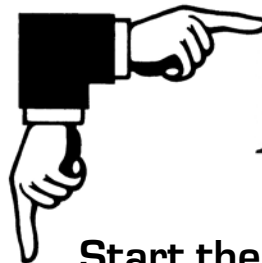
"We plan to finish the back part of the roof this year... We're proud of the fundraising and community work we've done so far," said Ms. Hartley.

The meeting recapped some of the community service efforts, including helping a local family by purchasing, wrapping and delivering toys and clothing. Gift certificates to a local grocery store and restaurant were also provided. "We'll do it again in 2012," said Ms. Hartley.

The club sends get well cards to locals who are ill, provides a place for the Girl Scouts to meet, took a trip to Boston, sold Rochester afghans (only two left), had a pie sale and appeared on ORCTV to give Season's Greetings to friends and neighbors.

"This year we're planning a breakfast for our veterans," said Ms. Boutin. The group plans to make soup, to take out, on Sundays.

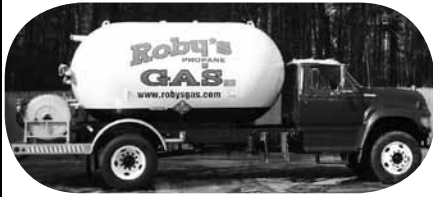
Following the business meeting, a networking session followed, with women speaking about their business and answering questions raised by the group. Jane Taylor, a long time club member spoke about her



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career as an early childhood coordinator in the ORR School District. Ms. Taylor's career evolved into a consultant for game brands Milton Bradley and Parker Brothers'. "You've got to put it out there," said Ms. Taylor, "think about what you want to do."

Ms. Taylor said she was inspired by the book *What Color is Your Parachute*, which helped direct her in branching out from her former position into a new and exciting area of children's books and toys.

Asta Muldoon handed out "dream books" and talked about her financial consulting business. "Older men dominate this business... I want to work primarily with women," said Ms. Muldoon. The book presented questions about retirement activities and asked readers to project where they wanted to be in 10, 15 and 20 years.

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Ms. Hartley and Ms. Boutin own a cleaning business using natural household products. Ms. Hartley also teaches pilates and yoga. Ms. Hartley told the group that she was recently certified by the Arthritis Foundation and plans to work with seniors to improve strength and flexibility. "I'm passionate about it and see what it can do for people to improve their daily lives," said Ms. Hartley.

"I think this is a great way to connect," said Robin Martin, a manager of a local bank. "I've learned a lot about some of our members tonight."

The club plans another networking session in March.

The club meets on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm at the clubhouse located on Route 105 near the town center. Dues are \$20 per year and new members, from any town, are welcome. For more information, contact Marsha Hartley at 508-322-0998.

Scouts Pursue Fire Safety Merit Badge

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Know the parts of the fire tetrahedron? What would you do to extinguish a grease pan fire? How do you safely melt wax?

Thanks to a new partnership between the Mattapoisett Fire Department - the Mattapoisett Boy Scout Troop 53 will become experts on all of these questions and more as part of their undertaking of the Fire Safety Merit Badge.

Mattapoisett Fire Department Lt. Patrick Saltmarsh spearheaded the effort after noticing Cub Scouts at the department's open house during Fire Safety Month last October. He reached out to them after learning about the Fire Safety Merit Badge, and offered to lead classes to the troop, which includes about 16 to 22 scouts.

"I'm excited about this. This is a good group of boys," said the fire inspector, noting the commendable accomplishments of scouts, in particular Eagle Scouts. He hopes to impart knowledge that may benefit them in their

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Lt. Saltmarsh led the first fire safety class on Tuesday, January 10 at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church to go over fire basics. Later, he plans to bring the troop on a tour of the Fire Station and show them the tools they use. "We'll see how much they know," he said in predicting how long it will take for them to acquire the badge.

Matthew Buckley, a scout father, said the partnership with the fire department and Lt. Saltmarsh is a great opportunity for the troop.

"It's great to see people in the community volunteer with the scouts, and know it is a good cause," Mr. Buckley said.

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Rochester Self Defense Class Empowers

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

All it takes is an instant for an attacker to strike – and a life to be changed.

However, the Rochester Police Department's popular self-defense program is teaching women just how to respond during those unexpected moments, turning potential victims into empowered defenders.

Running in its seventh year, the police department's classes – which teach safety awareness and self-defense skills at no cost to women 14 and up – continue to fill up and attract immense interest in the Tri-Town and beyond.

Specifically, classes of about 15 to 20 women learn the Rape Aggression Defense (RAD) System, inclusive of realistic, self-defense tactics and techniques. The comprehensive course – which consists of four three-hour long classes at the Old Colony campus – imparts information on awareness, prevention, risk reduction and avoidance, while progressing on to the basics of hands-on defense training.

"Attendance has been really good, especially for a town as small as this one," said Police Officer Robert Small – the RAD-certified instructor who has been teaching the course since its inception. With a waiting list of 20 for the next round of classes, the department is planning to schedule more soon.

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to utilize forms of self defense," said Officer Small, who co-teaches the course with RAD-certified officer Elizabeth Rich.

Rochester resident Julie Bangs, who participated in the last round of courses, said she came away enlightened in how to protect and defend herself.

"I didn't really know what to expect," she said, talking about some of the course basics – including how to behave in different circumstances like when a stranger is at the door or in a parking lot.

"You learn practical things most people don't think about," she said.

The exercises of practicing self defense, including how to throw and block punches and different situational tactics, left a strong impact on her. Participants fight against the perpetrator – played by a police officer dressed in a special "aggressor suit" – in a simulated attack.

"It was very, very scary. Your adrenaline gets going. I can't even imagine an actual event, the fake event was scary enough," Ms. Bangs said. "You learn how to hit someone with your most powerful punch."

The opportunity to practice these skills is one of the key functions of the course, Officer Small said.

"It's a good change to utilize these tactics in a controlled environment. People don't usually have the opportunity to use these skills," he said. When a participant is put into a simulated attack, she is not informed of the scenario that plays out.

"Surprise is part of the process," Officer Small said.

Ms. Bangs said she was indeed "surprised" how she reacted to the fake attack, and especially by comments from fellow participants about her toughness and strength.

"A lot of women didn't realize what they could do, the power they had when they needed it," she said.

Officer Small echoed these thoughts. "These women have more ability than they realize," he said.

Although attacks may be uncommon in smaller towns, they do happen, he said.

"Every town has them, but they usually don't get

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publicized unless it is extraordinary," Officer Small said. "Everyone is at a certain risk."

"I've heard from women who have felt better about situations they've been in. We've had tons of positive feedback... Everybody is happy with it, and I love teaching it," he added.

"I highly recommend it... it really makes you aware of the possibility of something happening, even in the small town of Rochester," Ms. Bangs said.

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Solar Panels, Capital Projects in 2012

TA Administrator Forecast Series

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

Solar panels, affordable housing for seniors and roadwork all are on the mind of Mattapoisett Town Administrator Michael Gagne as he looks into the year 2012.

"I'm looking at advancing photovoltaic projects to produce revenue to help with the increase in SEMASS fees," Mr. Gagne said. Also, town buildings are in need of repairs. "The Town Hall needs a lot of work. This is one priority that we'll have to address," he said.

Capital improvements for the harbor through Harbormaster office also are the Town Administrator's radar. "We are looking at a complete electrical service update, and need replacement timber, piling and rehabilitation work," he said. The estimated cost of such a project is still being investigated, he said.

A project also important to Mr. Gagne is adding to the stock of available affordable housing for seniors in Mattapoisett.

"I hear from quite a few Mattapoisett seniors who can't get affordable housing, and end up in subsidized housing in New Bedford. We need to find a way to keep them here," he said. His office is at "ground zero" on the effort, thus at the stage of undertaking a "full analysis" of potential sites before moving forward.

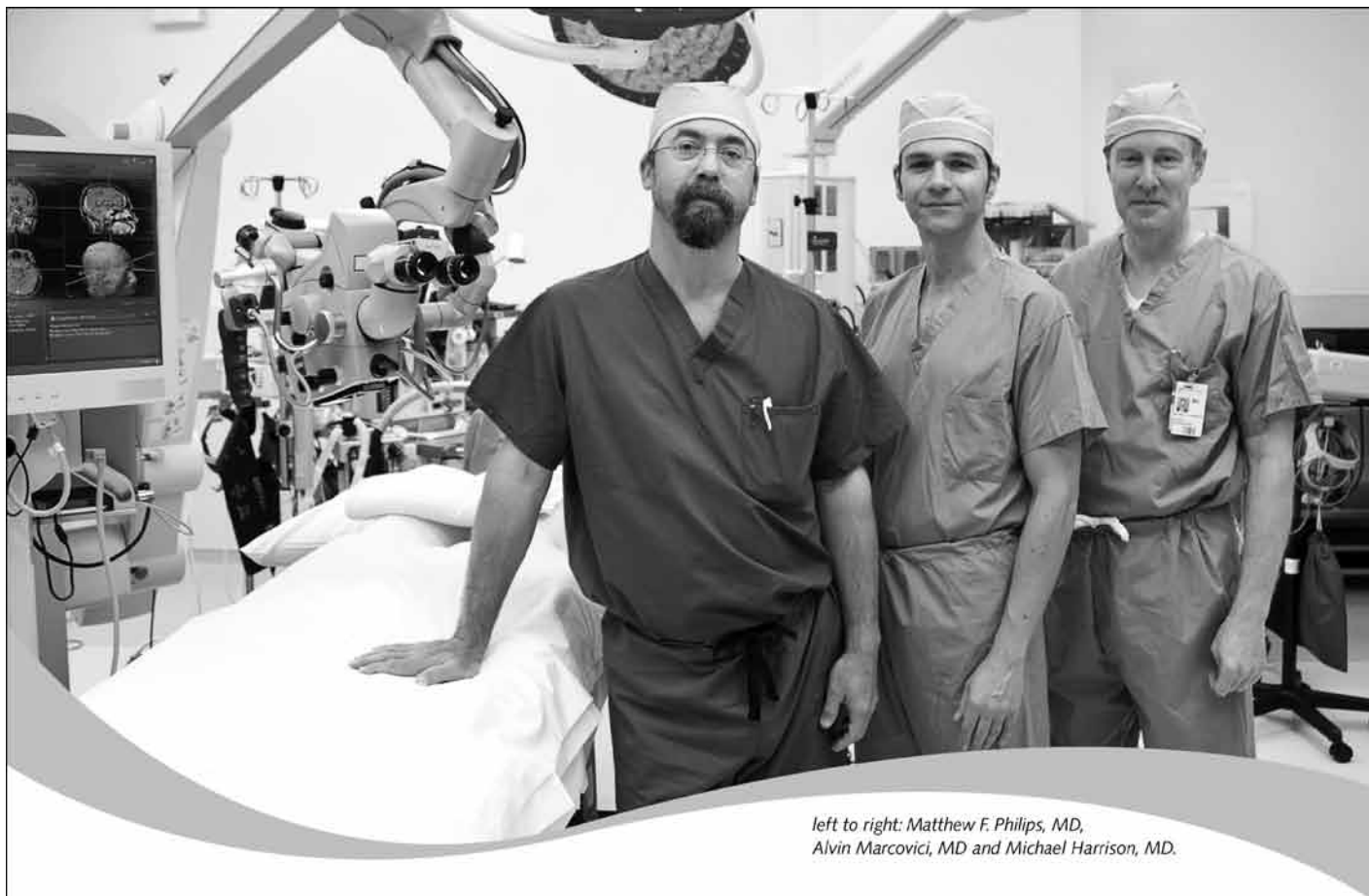
"We're going to do site evaluations and look at



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locations' approximation to services," he said.

In addition, the Town Administrator plans to work with Highway Surveyor Barry Denham to fix a list of roads in need of repair.

"We have a list of the top ten areas that need roadwork – from paving, sidewalk work, curb resetting – scattered throughout the town," he said. Currently the town is pursuing grant monies in addition to Chapter 90 funds to "get as much work done as we can," he said.

Mr. Gagne said although it is not an immediate priority, the town is working with local businesses to hear their thoughts and ideas on Route 6. He said one meeting has been conducted so far, and now the focus is looking how to rehab Route 6 in the future, so if the state is

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prepared to fix up the road, the town is ready to respond with its ideas.

One initiative that Mr. Gagne said likely will be abandoned is Southeastern Regional Transit Authority's Seaside Shuttle that transports passengers from Mattapoisett to Fairhaven and Acushnet. The shuttle was launched as a pilot program in the fall of 2010.

"Unfortunately, in these tight times, that will not be funded. It just does not have the ridership. It just doesn't seem to catch on, unfortunately," he said.

"I see it going by empty a lot of times. Maybe it's one of those things that is not going to work in that fashion," he said.

Rochester Awaits ORR Reimbursement

Rochester Board of Selectmen

By Anne Kakley

At their January 9, 2012 meeting, the Rochester Board of Selectmen learned that the Old Rochester Regional School District had a balance of over \$1 million in their "E and D" (excess and deficiency) account.

The E and D account represents the difference in the regional school's revenues and expenses. With a current annual budget of about \$15 million, ORR can only retain 5 percent of the E and D balance, and then it must return the difference to the contributing towns, said Rochester Town Administrator Richard LaCamera.

With the E and D total being about \$168,000 over the 5 percent threshold, the Town of Rochester is likely owed about \$56,000, Mr. LaCamera said.

Last year's E and D balance was \$1.2 million, Mr. LaCamera told the Board.

"I will be requesting of the superintendent copies of the balances," said Mr. LaCamera. "I'd like to understand why there is a significant amount of money

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again... This has an effect on 2013's budget as well."

"It's a little disturbing when we have... tight fiscal years," said Selectman Naida Parker.

Also on the topic of Old Rochester Regional services, Mr. LaCamera informed the Board that Town Treasurer Cindy Mello had discovered a mistake in the town's contributions to the Plymouth County Retirement Association (PCRA). Rochester had been overcharged in the contributions for five Old Rochester clerical employees, said Mr. LaCamera. Because the employees were from Old Rochester, the Town of Rochester was only responsible for 35 percent of their contributions to the PCRA, but they had contributed the full amount of \$204,000 over the course of several years.



Animal Advice

Jay Gould, DVM

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My one year old cat stalks me as I walk around the house and frequently attacks my ankles. He doesn't try to hurt me but how can I get him to stop this behavior?

If your cat is an exclusively indoor pet, he may be exhibiting normal hunting behavior. Cats are natural predators and your cat is simply acting instinctively. Make a toy out of a ball of aluminum foil on a string tied to a stick. Try to get the cat to focus on hunting something other than your ankles.

I have dragged a string on the floor that he will stalk but it doesn't seem to lessen the ankle attacks. Any other suggestions?

First, I'd avoid letting your cat play with a simple piece of string. If he plays with string when you are not present and swallows some, it may require intestinal surgery to remove it.

If your cat requires more play time than you can provide, consider adopting a kitten. There is no guarantee that they will get along, but since your cat is still young he will probably gladly accept a new playmate. Cause for Paws in Mattapoisett, A Helping Paw in Buzzards Bay, South Coast Humane Society in Dartmouth and Petfinder.com have many kitten available for adoption at this time of year.

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"Based upon the calculations... we are responsible for 35 percent [of that total]," said Mr. LaCamera, who said that the town would be rectifying the problem and would seek reimbursement.

"I applaud Cindy for catching this," said Selectman Bradford Morse.

On the topic of Fiscal Year 2013's budget, Mr. LaCamera said that the current forecast shows "no increases in staff, no increase in costs and services... pretty much a level funded budget." After Governor Deval Patrick announces details on the state budget at a conference on January 20, municipalities will have a better idea of what their budgets will be.

"I can tell you that this year is going to be the most challenging year the town has experienced," Mr. LaCamera said. He said that the town would try to maintain services and keep all its employees, as well as a two percent cost of living pay increase, but no promises could be made with the projected level-funded budget.

After reviewing a list of 2011 town accomplishments – which included the conclusion of RMS' construction, the finalization of an Affordable Housing Plan and the establishment of a Water Commission – the Board tackled the topic of Town Hall needs.

Mr. LaCamera suggested that the Board could form an exploratory committee to consider the possibility of building a new Town Hall on town-owned land on Dexter Lane near the Council on Aging and the Police Station.

The town currently leases the Rochester Women's Clubhouse on Marion Road as an annex building for the Town Hall, but a larger building would eliminate the need for the lease, Mr. LaCamera said, and the annual \$32,000 expenditure could be weighed in funding considerations.

"I don't think we'll ask the tax payers to raise their taxes at this point, so we need to look at multiple options," said Mr. LaCamera.

"Because an override would not fly," agreed Selectman Parker.

The Board voted to form a five-person committee to explore the cost and needs associated with building a

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new Town Hall at the Dexter Lane property.

Also at the meeting, the Board:

- Declared several broken and unused computers and printers to be surplus.

- Announced to the public that Christmas tree pick-up would begin on Friday, January 13. Residents should put their Christmas trees out on the curb for removal.

The next meetings of the Rochester Board of Selectmen are scheduled for January 23, February 6 and 27 and March 12 and 26.

Board Takes Steps to Fill MAB Vacancies

Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen

By Anne Kakley

The Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen took steps to fill two vacancies on the Marine Advisory Board (MAB) at their scheduled Selectmen meeting on January 10, 2012.

Some confusion surrounded the issue when members of the Board learned that MAB had actually completed one of the appointments without Selectmen authorization. The MAB had "appointed" member Walter Reid about six months ago, without following the proper protocol, which should have included a letter of interest and a Selectmen-made appointment.

As a result, the Board said that Mr. Reid would have to join three other applicants to compete for two openings on MAB.



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The Board did note, however, that Mr. Reid was not to blame for the mistakes that led to the erroneous appointment. Mr. Reid said that he had submitted a letter of interest to the Selectmen in 2008.

"It's not his fault this wasn't followed through properly," said Selectman Jordan Collyer. "Having a person serve without being appointed is a significant problem to the town and a fairly substantial risk if that person should vote on something controversial."

"We have been elected by the people of Mattapoisett," said Select Board Chairman Paul Silva. "I feel we should be involved in the interview process."

"Two prospects did apply via the proper channels," said Selectman Tyler Macallister. "In all fairness, all four should have the opportunity to present before the BOS." Later in the meeting, Selectman Macallister noted that Mr. Reid's time on the MAB and knowledge of Marine-related issues gave him a "leg-up" and made him a strong candidate, but that the Board should still interview all four candidates in the interest of being fair.

The MAB is a nine-member, three alternate board that serves as advisors to the Board of Selectmen in waterway issues. Chairman Silva said that, although not all current members of the MAB had been interviewed by Selectmen, it's a practice that the Board should adopt to ensure that the MAB consists of members with a diverse views on water use.

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The Board voted to schedule interviews with the four candidates – including Walter Reid – and make the two appointments at a subsequent meeting.

In an appointment with Public Health Nurse Amanda Stone, the Board read a letter of recognition from Kitty Mahoney, President of the Massachusetts Association of Public Health Nurses, lauding Ms. Stone's work and "high level participation in health nursing conferences."

"You do an exceptional job and I'm glad that we were able to bring you on full time," said Selectman Collyer.

"Thank you for acknowledging my work," Ms. Stone replied.

In his report, Town Administrator Michael Gagne updated the Board on progress that is being made in a regionalized Department of Marine Fisheries scallop restoration effort, which is partly funded by an \$11 million Buzzard's Bay Oil Spill Restoration Fund.

The scallop restoration effort includes the towns of Westport, Falmouth, Mattapoisett, Marion, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Wareham and Bourne. In each town, a five-acre area of water will be selected to receive juvenile hatchery-reared scallops. The area will be selected based on a history of recreational shellfishing use, its present scallop count, and its sustainability of habitat, among other factors.

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In additional news, Administrative Assistant Melody Pacheco announced:

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- The winter transfer station hours are Thursday and Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm and Saturday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Grant Could Fund Technology Director

Mattapoisett School Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

A grant application to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education could possibly secure funds up to \$500,000 for the purpose of finding new and efficient ways to deliver core local services, including a technology director's position, said Superintendent Doug White at the Mattapoisett School Committee meeting held at Center School on January 9.

The funding of a new position for a technology director topped the wish list in a discussion of the fiscal year school budget for 2013, which is now gearing up. All the school committees in the district voted to move forward in including the salary in the upcoming FY2013 budget.

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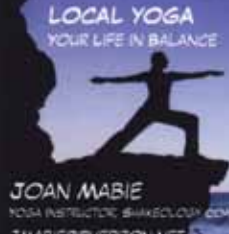
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The deadline for the grant is January 17 and the announcement of grant recipients will be in late February. If awarded the grant, the area of focus will be to develop and implement and coordinate technology services including infrastructure, communications, curriculum and data analysis to all schools in the district. Currently, each school handles its own technology needs, which aren't coordinated with any of the other schools or the central office. Mr. White said that if grant monies are awarded, they could be used immediately to start the process of coordinating technology services.

Chairman Grace Knox asked each of the principals to prepare a list of weighted priorities for the school board to use during budget crunch time.

Superintendent Doug White said that he had recently met with town managers and they wanted to look at two scenarios: a level services budget (same services as FY 2012) and a level funded budget (same dollars as FY 2012).

"The towns want to see both budgets and would like to continue with level service, if fiscally possible," said Mr. White. In the discussion, it was noted that the towns fund approximately 90 percent of the school budget, while the state funds the difference through Chapter 70 monies.

In her Principal's Report, Ms. Bowman reported that all students in grade three participated in an English Language Arts/Reading assessment on January 5, 2012, using an assessment tool, known as Galileo. The

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assessment will help identify students' weakness and proficiencies in performance levels prior to the Spring 2012 MCAS assessment. A Math assessment will be given to all grade three students on March 13, 2012.

Curriculum Director Elise Frangos discussed the two upcoming professional development days on January 13 and January 27. A chart was presented showing all the offerings for teachers, most revolving around the MCAS common core standards and goals in English language arts and mathematics.

Ms. Frangos also discussed the new supervisory and evaluation plan that the Board of Education and the Massachusetts Teachers Association put into place for use in September of 2012. The evaluation tool places teacher

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assessments in categories, with those in the unsatisfactory or needs improvement given a specific amount of time to improve. The complex plan includes student assessment of teachers and ties MCAS scores directly to teacher evaluations.

Chairwoman Grace Knox asked about children who were looking for napkins and spoons which were recently put in a place where only cafeteria staff could access them. "I wasn't sure what this was all about," said Ms. Knox. Ms. Meagher said that both students and faculty, who were not purchasing lunch were using salad dressings, condiments, napkins and utensils and she moved these items to a more secure place to reduce unnecessary expenses. Ms. Knox recommended that

napkins and utensils be available to students who bring their lunch.

In other news:

- The first annual adult spelling bee will be held on March 9 at ORRHS. Rosemary Bowman, principal of Center School is coordinating the effort. She hopes that 25 teams, paying \$50 per team, hopefully sponsored by local businesses and groups will participate.

- A Health Night, to be held in March, will bring together children and families to learn more about nutrition and other healthy lifestyle activities. A date for this event will be announced soon.

- Old Hammondtown School began the after school foreign language classes on January 9. Latin and Spanish classes will be taught to 4, 5 and 6 graders by high school students. The sessions will run for four weeks.

- Principal Matt D'Andrea said that he received a thank you note from St. Vincent DePaul Society thanking the students for their donation of 600 can goods and a \$160 check, which was the profit from the student/teacher basketball game.

Holly Woods Culvert Repair Approved

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

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the Conservation Commission approved an RDA with a negative determination at its January 9 to repair a collapsed culvert. Applicant Joseph Szaro of 38 Holly Woods Road had requested the removal and replacement of the old culvert, which some residents consider a safety hazard to vehicles.

The original hearing on the culvert – which is located in the Holly Woods area – took place last month and was postponed as the Commission felt it contained insufficient details on the proposed work.

Mr. Szaro, present at the meeting, presented the full scope of the operation for the replacement of the two 36-inch and 12-foot wide pipes – from erosion controls (silt fence and hay bales), the type of base (6-inch crushed stone) to the seeding and loaming plan.

"We definitely are getting a lot more than what we got at the original hearing," said Conservation Commissioner Bob Rogers on the submission.

Two neighbors at the meeting encouraged the commission to clear the way for the work to begin. "We have a repair issue here. I'd like to get it done, not only for safety reasons, but for expenses... The expediting of the project is very much appreciated," said resident Bill Fredericks.

Likewise, in written comments to the board presented through Building Inspector Andy Bobola, Fire Chief Andrew Murray cited safety issues to emergency vehicles presented by the culvert and asked for the

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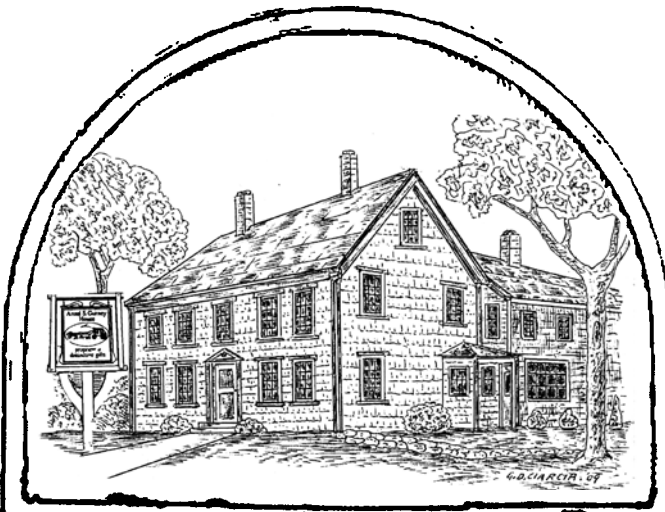
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commission to expedite its repair.

The commission – except for Chairman Peter Newton who recused himself as he is a neighbor of the applicant – approved the request unanimously.

In other business:

- The commission unanimously approved an RDA with a negative determination for an enlarged bedroom and bathroom for handicap accessibility at 27 Silvershell Ave.

- The commission requested that Mr. Bobola investigate the possibility of it purchasing a two-acre, 18,000 square-foot unbuildable lot on the north side of Cove St. for possible future use as a parking area to access Angelica Point.

Principal Ryan Announces Retirement

Rochester School Committee

By Laura Fedak Pedulli

After a 14-year tenure as principal of Rochester Memorial School, Jay Ryan informed the school committee at its January 5 meeting his intention to retire in October.

"These have been the happiest 14 years of my life in education. I had very mixed emotions when I made the decision," Mr. Ryan said, commenting that he is ready to immerse himself into his other passion: the arts. "I am thankful for the support I've had over the years."

Superintendent Doug White thanked Mr. Ryan for his service, and his thoughtfulness of informing the committee in advance so it has time to assemble a search committee and locate a replacement. He said the months of February and March are the ideal times to hire principals. "We need to think about what our process is going to be," he said.

To jumpstart the process, the committee decided it would hold a public meeting sometime next week to determine next steps, in particular job advertising strategies. "This is an important hire. It is one that need to be thought out well," the superintendent said, saying that although it is his job to hire principals, he'll rely heavily on input from the committee and the Rochester community.

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Mr. Ryan's announcement also will help the school plan for next year's budget, the superintendent said.

The budget subcommittee currently is reviewing next year's challenges – which include absorbing higher utility costs related to the building addition and spikes in special education expenditures.

In a preliminary discussion, budget subcommittee member Tina Rood said that an increase of \$417,000 in the budget next year is necessary to maintain services. "But even with this increase, we would not be replacing a teacher retiring this year. And in the last two years, we have not replaced two other retiring teachers and the Assistant Principal," she said.

Ms. Rood said challenges loom because the town has asked for a level funded budget, meaning one with no increases at all. "It will be a struggle," she said.

The budget also includes tuition costs for high schoolers in the town who opt to attend Bristol Aggie. She said any new tuition reduces the regular day budget. "It does have an impact on the budget," she said.

Moreover, the federal ARRA dollars will not be available this year, as it was in the past two years.

"It's going to be a team effort to get the budget in a place that supports our students," she said.

Helping to reduce utility costs at RMS will be district facilities manager Steve Murphy, the superintendent said.

Mr. White said that with the RMS school and expansion project complete – Mr. Murphy will now oversee facilities at that school. When district facilities manager Steve Shiraka passed away in 2010, the town of Rochester's head of facilities Mike Meunier took over the project and saw it through its completion. The town had requested that the school now oversee the building so Mr. Meunier can focus on town projects.

"That building is absolutely fantastic," Mr. Murphy said in his remarks to the committee. He outlined several of his energy saving endeavors– including scheduling energy use at the school so it is only used as needed. He said he would carefully monitor oil, gas electricity, and water through a direct digital control

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In other business:

- Although RMS food services brought in a \$2,744 profit for December, Food Service Director Caitlyn Meagher said that the program still needs to increase participation to come in with a positive balance at the end of the year.

- The committee approved a two-year renewal contract with Braga Transportation, which offered to maintain its fiscal year 2011 rates through fiscal year 2014. District Business Administrator said the deal will save the district \$92,000.

- The Early Childhood Fair is scheduled for January 21 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at Sippican School.

More information available at 508-748-1863.

Committee Addresses Sippican Dress Code

Marion School Committee

By Joan Hartnett-Barry

A two-year bus contract for the fiscal years of 2013 and 2014 for the district was approved by the Marion School Committee at their meeting on Wednesday night, January 4.

The Braga Bus Company offered the 2011 rate for the fiscal years of 2013 and 2014, which will cost \$377,215 per year for the district, but will save \$59,918 over the next two years. The contract cost does not include bussing costs of special education students or late busses leaving the junior and senior high school.

"We're very pleased with the service they've provided over the past few years," said Superintendent Doug White. "We work with them and the Department of Public Works in the towns to determine road conditions and the safety of our students, especially in winter weather and they have been attentive to any concerns we've had."

The contract cost does not include a "fuel escalation" clause which was described as "plus or minus 5 percent of the cost of diesel fuel in 2009 when the contract bid was accepted," according to Katie Isernio, School District Business Administrator. "It (fuel surcharge) has run us approximately \$4,000 per year so far," said Ms. Isernio.

Mr. White presented his report and said that fiscal



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year budget 2013 presents a challenge, with the expiration of federal and state funds, which were used to offset a decrease in local revenue. "Over the next several months, finance subcommittees from all four school committees will be meeting regularly with administration to create the proposed FY 13 budget", said Mr. White.

Another item discussed was a grant application to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education that could possibly secure funds up to \$500,000 for the purpose of finding new and more efficient ways to deliver core local services which could include delivering technology services. The district agreed to push for inclusion of a position for a technology director in the FY 2013 budget to coordinate all the schools in the district.

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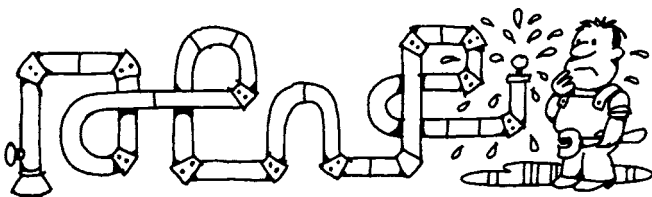
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After the technology subcommittee presents their report in February, describing the importance of technology direction for the district, the grant application can proceed.

Elise Frangos, Director of Curriculum presented the January 13 Professional Development workshops available to teachers. There will be no school for students on that day. All the teachers from all the district schools will attend, with many of the sessions touching on the "common core curriculum" found both in and outside of the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS).

Another professional development day is planned for January 27 and there will be no school for students on that day.

Lyn Rivet, Principal of Sippican School said the Sippican School Council discussed the School Council's discussion of a dress code and a survey was done. Of the 368 families at Sippican School, 227 responded, with 21 percent voting yes for a strict dress code and 79 percent voting no.

Committee member Michelle Ouellette asked about the wording of the survey question which used the words "strict dress code" and also said that in looking at the time stamps recording the votes, some only seconds or minutes apart, it appeared that some people had replied numerous times to the question. "I think it's still open to debate," said Ms. Ouellette.

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information on the topic, whether it's valid or invalid or if it was a negative or positively worded question... they did their job," said Chairman Brad Gordon. Mr. Gordon said that the School Council agreed that the current code could be 'tightened up' and that topic will be listed on the agenda for their next meeting.

Ms. Rivet said that the teacher training module for the grade tracking software program, Power Grade, has been purchased for \$2500. Sixth grade teachers will begin working with the tool and transfer current grades over to the system. The system allows students and parents to view the grade standards and how a students progress stacks up tot he standards.

Facilities Manager, Steven Murphy said that the district had locked in a 6 cent rate for electricity for the FY 2013. The current rate ranges from 6 and a half to 8 cents, saving approximately \$1000 per month for Sippican School. Mr. Murphy said that a flat gas rate has been negotiated and with a lower average daily temperature, he is projecting a 7 percent decrease in gas costs for FY 2013.

School Report

Guidance Announcements

By Anne Smith

The pace at Old Rochester Regional High School is picking up now that the students and staff have returned from their winter vacation. Unfortunately, the

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pace of school is faster than normal for the month of January; every week in the month has only four school days. Students have no school on January 13 and 27, which are in-service days for the teachers, and of course January 16 is a holiday for all. Students should be keeping track of their work for this month very carefully, as the grades for term two close on January 25 and it's easy to get lost in the excitement of having a four-day weekend.

There will be a Masquerade Dance (formerly known as the Snow Ball) on Saturday, January 21 at 7:10 pm in the cafeteria of the high school. Tickets may be purchased for \$5 each during the remainder of this week, and may be purchased for \$7.00 the entirety of next week. The dance requires semi-formal attire. Masquerade masks are optional (although encouraged).

The following are notices from the guidance office. First, freshmen who are interested in the Project Contemporary Competitiveness summer enrichment program may get more information about the program and an application from guidance. PCC is a 6-week tuition-based program on the campus of Stonehill College. Freshmen who are planning to apply to the summer program need to turn in their application, \$25 check, letters of recommendation, and short essay to Ms. McPhee no later than Thursday, January 26.

Next, sophomores and juniors who are interested in possibly pursuing a career in engineering should sign up in the guidance office if they wish to attend an Engineering Career Presentation by various alumni of MIT. The date of the presentation, which is going to be hosted by guidance, will be announced at a later time – the guidance office only requires to have a list of potential participants by Tuesday, January 31.

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The Tabor Report
Seawolves Dominate at Wrestling Match
 By Jacob Farias

At Tabor Academy, sports picked up again in full swing; all teams prepared to buckle down and shake off the Winter Break rust. Some teams had to play as early as Wednesday, the first official day of school for Tabor. On Saturday, January 7, Tabor Academy Wrestling

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prepared itself for a quad meet, three straight matches against Thayer Academy, Loomis Chaffee, and Hyde Connecticut School. Against Thayer, the Seawolves quickly picked up the pace; besides a couple of unfortunate hiccups, Tabor shook off its cobwebs and dominated Thayer, 64 to 12.

The second match of the meet was promised to be Tabor's most challenging; Loomis Chaffee and Tabor have gone back and forth consistently over the years, trading close wins and losses. Last year, Tabor and Loomis were tied at the final bout, 30 to 30, when Tabor sophomore **Clayton Caliendo** pinned his opponent to give the Seawolves the win. This year, the meeting was not nearly as close. Beginning with Clayton at 126 lbs, the Seawolves jumped out to a lead and didn't look back. All three captains earned a win for the team and Tabor Academy won all but two bouts. Freshmen **Dylan Genasci Smith**, **Aldair Vivar**, and **John Anderson** all won great matches, with John closing out a 61 to 12 Tabor victory. Tabor's only two losses came from rough opponents against **Patrick Montolio** from Plymouth and **Kiernan Reynolds**, who once again volunteered to wrestle above his weight, from Marion. Both wrestled incredibly well and fought, just as much as the rest of the team, with immense heart and pride. After such an intense match, Tabor faced a depleted Hyde squad and won with confidence, 72 to 12.

Tabor Wrestling enjoyed winning three matches, but the coaches were just as proud of the team's attitude as they were of the wins. After the match, Coach Leary said, "We went out there, wrestled our guts out against a great team, and I loved it."

Both Coach Leary and Coach Bozzi praised Tabor Wrestling's never-say-die style and their policy of outworking their opponents. The Seawolves' fans really showed up loud and proud in the wrestling room

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on Saturday; their presence definitely contributed to the team's excitement and intensity. Tabor Academy Wrestling now has a record of 7 and 2; on Wednesday, they leave for St. Sebastian's School. Their next home meet is next Saturday against Tilton School, Worcester Academy, Wilbraham and Monson Academy, and Williston Northampton School.

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Rough Week for Bulldogs

By India Krawczyk

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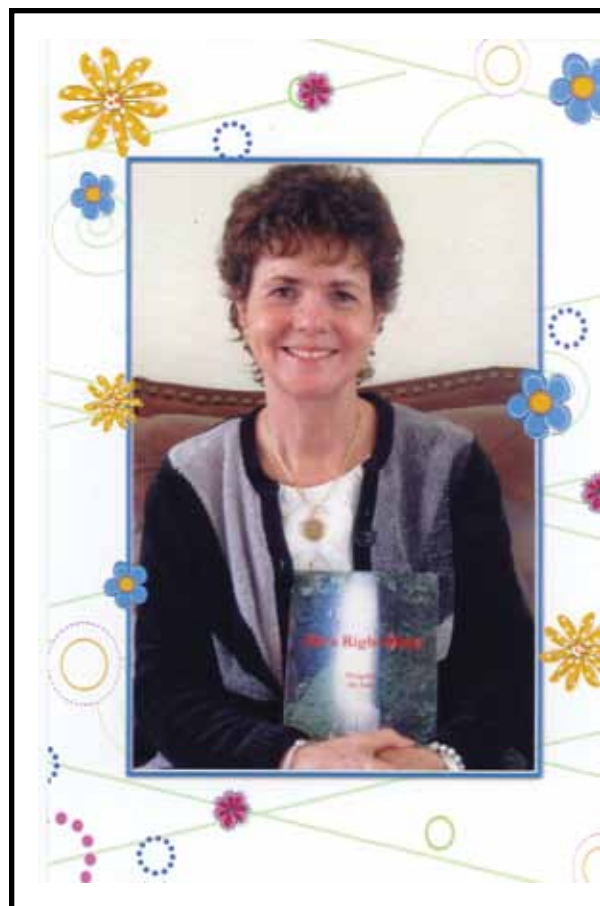
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Rehoboth High School, but the Bulldogs were able to beat the Falcons and maintain their undefeated record thus far. **Ally Saccone** won both the girls hurdles and high jump, while also placing well in the 300 meter. Over at shot-put, **Ryann Monteiro** and **Cassie Helmar** also put forth their best effort to score points for ORR.

In the boy's meet, **David Romanowicz** racked up points in the hurdles and high jump. In the 300 meter, **Dan Donohue** finished first for ORR and let the boys to a victory there. Next up for ORR Track is New Bedford Voke, which is sure to be the biggest challenge for the boys yet this season.

• **Old Rochester Girls Basketball** – In an incredibly close game, the girls lost to Wareham 57-55



“He’s Right Here” by Maggie McGee

After the loss of my son Brendan, I received many messages, although sometimes very subtle, that he was right by my side, which was very comforting; it was like he knew my pain and paralyzing grief. Seven years later, through God's grace and strength, I was inspired to write. My book will take the reader through my heartbreaking loss and my amazing stories of private and profound personal experiences. Testimony from four year old Brendan and six year old Vincent, speaks words of conviction and honesty. In the chapter entitled “Hearts Broken”, my grandson Brendan looks into my eyes and says, “It’s okay Gramma, I saw the angels take Uncle Brendan to heaven.”

Book signing will be at Somethin's Brewin' Book Café, 241 Main Street, Lakeville, MA on Saturday, January 21st from 10am – 12 noon. Signed copies are also available at Old Company Store, LaSalette Shrine Gift Shop, Miramar Retreat Center, Titcomb Books, Paperback Junction, Prospect Hill Company Gift Shop, Chapel of Our Savior Gift Shop, Strawberry Fair Restaurant, The Ansel Gurney House and The Bethany House, Hisland.

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with the final basket scored by Wareham in the final minutes of the game. ORR still had some outstanding players, however, with **Katie Wilbur** scoring a team high of 15 points, **Colby Garstang** 14, and **Gabby Reuter** 12. Next up, the girls face Bishop Stang High School.

• **Old Rochester Boys Basketball** – Against Case, the boys unfortunately lost 73-67 in overtime. Max Risch led the way in scoring for the team with 25 points, followed by **Biruk Legasse** with 13 and **Matt Teefy** with 11.

Against Wareham High School later in the week, things regrettably did not improve for the ORR boys who lost 85-61. **Forrest Cote** played well with 13 points, **Matt Beatty** with 16, and **Max Risch** with 14. Their record stands at 4-3 and 3-3 in the SCC. Next up the boys host Bishop Stang.

• **Old Rochester Hockey** – The recent game against Cohasset unfortunately saw the Bulldogs losing with a conclusive score of 5-2. The first half of the game was the best for ORR, with **Brett Lygren** and **Max Sherman** both scoring to make up ORR's two goals for the game.

Against Middleboro, however, the Bulldogs fared much better emerging with an 8-1 win. Max Sherman scored three goals, one in the second quarter and two in the third. Also contributing were **Bobby Stickles** with his first varsity goal, **Jeremy Lawton**, **Nick Goerges**, **Cam O'Conner**, and **Cam Severino**. Their record now stands at 1-1-4.

Letters to the Editor

The views expressed in the "Letters to the Editor" column are not necessarily those of The Wanderer, its staff or advertisers. The Wanderer will gladly accept any and all correspondence relating to timely and pertinent issues in the great Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester area, provided they include the author's name, address and phone number for verification. We cannot publish anonymous, unsigned or unconfirmed submissions. The Wanderer reserves the right to edit, condense and otherwise alter submissions for purposes of clarity and/or spacing considerations. The Wanderer may choose to not run letters that thank businesses, and The Wanderer has the right to edit letters to omit business names. The Wanderer also reserves the right to deny publication of any submitted correspondence.

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To the Editor:

You may be aware that there is an advertised meeting for January 17 at 6:30 pm in the Library meeting room. Since our Sesquicentennial celebration in 2007, this subcommittee of our Historical Commission has tried to keep the feeling of a close, culturally and historically rich community alive. We have offered a variety of events in spite of mosquitoes, high winds and torrential rain. In this process our committee has decreased in number due to those life obligations we all experience. Unfortunately, although the spirit is there, the people power is not.

We are asking for volunteers to assist this program to go forward in 2012. We are not asking a forever commitment, but if you, or an organization you belong to, would be willing to help us out for this year, **August 3-5**, we would greatly appreciate it.

The meeting on January 17 will be the deciding factor. If we have a minimum of 10 volunteers we will brainstorm a theme and organize groups to produce the activities. If not, Heritage Days will not return in 2012.

In the past few years we have received positive feedback from those who attended one or more event(s) and we really do not want to disappoint or let this feeling of community drift away. It will, however, take a bit more community involvement to bring it back in 2012. Please help us if you can.

Any questions, feel free to email theseamstress@verizon.net. Please put Heritage Days in the subject to



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Mattapoisett Heritage Days Committee

Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding a Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our **February 2** issue. The winner will also receive a new iPod touch.

Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable: photos, drawings, paintings, etc.

Entries are due in *The Wanderer* office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 20.

Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover. All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form, which can be picked up at *The Wanderer* office or downloaded at www.Wanderer.com.

Voting will start on January 21, and will end at 8:00 pm on January 30. To vote, visit our web page at www.Wanderer.com. The winning artwork will be on the cover of our February 2, 2012 issue.

Everyone who votes will be entered to win a Wanderer Groundhog Gift Bag full of *Wanderer*, aardvark, and groundhog goodies.

ORRJHS Students of the Month

Old Rochester Regional Junior High School

Principal Kevin Brogioli is pleased to announce the following Students of the Month for December 2011:

Green Team: **Mallory Kiernan** and **Kyle Rood**.

Orange Team: **Maggie Wiggin** and **Noah Greany**. Blue Team: **Lucy Saltonstall** and **Ryson Smith**. Red Team: **Madeline Morris** and **Andrew Bichsel**. Special Areas: **Sienna Wurl** and **Evan Roznoy**.

Loft School Open House

Loft School in Marion is hosting an open house on Thursday, **January 19** from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. for the 2012/2013 school year. Parents of preschool and pre-K age children are invited to attend to learn more about Loft programs, see the classrooms and meet the staff. Loft School is located at 124 Front Street (at St. Gabriel's Church) in Marion. For more information, call 508-748-1243 or visit www.loftschooll.org.

LOCAL CABLE PROGRAMMING



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Sunday January 15, 2011

6:30 AM - Words of Peace
7:00 AM - Second Coming Church
8:00 AM - New Testament Church of Cedarville
9:00 AM - Music and the Spoken Word
9:30 AM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
11:00 AM - Physician Focus
11:30 White House Chronicle
Noon - Register's Report
12:30 PM - Army Newswatch
1:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice Housecalls
1:30 PM - Navigating the Way For Seniors
2:00 PM - Music and the Spoken Word
2:30 PM - First Congregational Church of Rochester
4:00 PM - New Testament Church of Cedarville
5:00 PM - Words of Peace
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way For Seniors
7:30 PM - Mattapoisett School Committee - Education Matters
9:30 PM - Dartmouth Community Medical School - Is Modern Society Killing Us?

Monday January 16, 2011

8:00 AM - Deutsche Welle - Arts 21
9:00 AM - Your Money Your Life
9:30 AM - Your Next Bold Move
10:00 AM - Army Newswatch
10:30 AM - White House Chronicle
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
3:00 PM - Words of Peace
4:00 PM - Earth Focus
4:30 PM - Explore
5:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
5:30 PM - Around BCC
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
7:00 PM - Your Daily Gumbo
9:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - European Journal

9:30 PM - Global 3000
10:30 PM - Life Matters
11:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
Midnight - Midnight Movie

Tuesday January 17, 2011

8:00 AM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM - Graceful Aging
9:30 AM - ORCTV's Non Profit Highlights
10:00 AM - Senior Scene
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
1:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
3:00 PM - Dartmouth Community Medical School - Is Modern Society Killing Us?
5:30 PM - Graceful Aging
6:30 PM - The Dr. Is In
7:00 PM - Senior Scene
7:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
8:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
9:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
10:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 PM - Physician Focus
11:00 PM - Free Minds TV
Midnight - Midnite Mausoleum

Wednesday January 18, 2011

8:00 AM - Cooking with Colby
9:00 AM - Emily's Garden
10:00 AM - Cooking with Marie
10:30 AM - Living Healthy - with Jackie Bell
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
3:00 PM - Sci-Fi Journal
4:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
5:00 PM - The Register's Report
6:00 PM - Become Your Own Gym
8:00 PM - The David Pakman Show
9:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
10:30 PM - Life Matters

11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight - Midnight Movie
1:30 AM - Sci-Fi Journal

Thursday January 19, 2011

8:00 AM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
9:00 AM - The Register's Report
10:00 AM - NASA 360
10:30 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
3:30 PM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
6:00 PM - Robbi Around Town
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM - Just Coolin' - Jazz Hour
10:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - Midnight Mausoleum

Friday January 20, 2011

8:00 AM - Cooking with Colby
8:30 AM - ORCTV Community Announcements
10:00 AM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
10:30 AM - ORCTV's Nonprofit Highlights
11:00 AM - Senior Stretch
11:30 AM - Jazzercise
Noon - Midday Movie
2:00 PM - Emily's Garden
3:00 PM - Deutsche Welle - European Journal
3:30 PM - Global 3000
5:00 PM - Explore
5:30 PM - Earth Focus
6:30 PM - Navigating the Way for Seniors
7:00 PM - Free minds TV
8:00 PM - Community Nurse and Hospice's - House Calls
8:30 PM - Around BCC
11:00 PM - 30 Odd Minutes

11:30 PM - Paranormal Generation
Midnight - Friday Night at the Drive-In - Midnight Movies

Saturday January 21, 2011

7:00 AM - Classic Cartoon Festival
8:30 AM - Peek-a-boo Turtle
9:30 AM - NASA 360
10:30 PM - Go Fish - With Danny Kenney
11:00 AM - Kids a Cookin'
11:30 AM - ORCTV Holiday 2011 Greetings
2:00 PM - Around BCC
2:30 PM - 30 Odd Minutes
3:00 PM - Paranormal Generation
3:30 PM - The Wanderer Presents
4:00 PM - Neighbor to Neighbor with Don Cuddy
5:00 PM - The City of New Bedford's Arts & Culture Show
5:30 PM - Emily's Garden
6:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Careers
7:00 PM - Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM - The Cooking Hour
8:30 PM - The Jazz Room Live
9:00 PM - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
11:00 PM - Just Coolin' - Jazz Hour
Midnight - Penny Dreadful's Shilling Shockers
2:00 AM - The Dungeon of Dreck

MARION GOVERNMENT

Comcast Channel 95

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Marion School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:00 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
4:00 PM - Marion School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
9:00 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT

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Daily Schedule

8:00 AM - Rochester School Committee
11:00 AM - Latest Planning Board Meeting
1:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
3:15 PM - Rochester School Committee
6:30 PM - Latest Board of Selectmen Meeting
8:30 PM - Latest Planning Board Meeting

EDUCATION CHANNEL

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Daily Schedule

8:30 AM - Mattapoisett School Committee - Education Matters
9:00 AM - Center School Holiday Show 2011
9:35 AM - Early Childhood Program - Christmas Singing 2011
10:30 AM - ORRHS 2011 Holiday Concert
11:00 AM - ORRHS Bulldog TV Fall 2011 Show
11:35 AM - ORRHS Bulldog TV 2011 Holiday Show
Noon - ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects - Student 'How Too...' Videos
12:30 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
1:00 PM - ORRHS - 2011 Bulldog Dash
1:35 PM - ORRJHS Holiday Concert 2011
2:15 PM - Center School Holiday Show 2011
3:00 PM - NEC Youth Jazz Orchestra at Boston's First Night 12-31-2011
4:00 PM - Tom Bliss Presents - TKLS Perspective
7:00 PM - ORRJHS Holiday Concert 2011
7:35 PM - ORRHS - Video Journalism Class Projects - Student 'How Too...' Videos
8:00 PM - Upper Cape Tech Presents - Careers
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10:00 PM - Tom Bliss Presents - TKLS Perspective

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Rochester Kindergarten Registration

On **January 24**, the parent orientation for incoming Kindergarten students for the 2012/2013 school year will begin at 5:45 pm. Kindergarten registration will take place during the week of January 30 from 9:30 to 11:30 am and from 1:00 to 2:30 pm each day. Completed registration paperwork should be presented at this time.

When coming to register, parents must bring the child's birth certificate, a valid driver's license, two verifications of home address, a record of immunization, and a physician's certificate showing the date and results of a lead-screening. Each student must have a physical examination dated no more than one year prior to the beginning of classes. The school will accommodate your personal schedule, but if possible, please register your child on the appropriate days:

- Last name begins with A-C – Register Tuesday, January 31.
- Last name begins with D-L – Register Wednesday, February 1.
- Last name begins with M-P – Register Thursday, February 2.
- Last name begins with Q-Z – Register Friday, February 3.

Do You Remember?

ORR Celebrates 50 Years

By the ORR Class of 1962

Looking back at Old Rochester Regional in 1961, because it was a new school, with new friends coming together from Marion, Mattapoisett and Rochester, the administration and classmates formed several clubs to help the students acclimate to new surroundings. How many of the following are still in existence and how many have gone the way of the dinosaur? Girls Glee Club, Traffic Squad, Student Council, Senior Activities, Chef's Club, Needle Craft, Debating Society, Future Teachers and/or Nurses.

The Class of 1962 was a great class. For a bunch of kids from three different towns, we all soon meshed and focused on our goal – graduation and having a great senior year. Are Senior Favorites still chosen? Back then they certainly were and they were a highlight in our yearbook. For our class, the following were chosen: Friendliest: **Barbara Harriman** and **Bill Hall**; Class Clowns: **Charles Morgan** and **Judy Ryder**; Class Dreamer:

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Obituaries:

Marlene R. (Groene) O'Neill of Mattapoisett passed away peacefully on Wednesday January 4, 2012 at Sherrill House after a courageous battle with ovarian cancer. She was the wife of the late Francis D. O'Neill.

Born in Joliet, Illinois, the daughter of the late Linus F. and Marguerite (McGrath) Groene, she had lived in Illinois and California before moving to Mattapoisett in 1973.

She was a communicant of St. Anthony's Church.

She was a graduate of St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing in Evanston, Illinois.

Throughout the years, Mrs. O'Neill was actively involved in school functions, church groups, and community activities. Though originally trained as a registered nurse, she transitioned herself into working for not-for-profit organizations, having served as the development director at Bishop Stang High School and New Bedford Child and Family Services. She had been a member of the Mattapoisett Housing Authority, Past President of the Mattapoisett Women's Club, and a member of the Board of Directors of Community Nurse Association in Fairhaven.

Survivors include five children, Peggy O'Neill DaCosta and her husband Todd of Milton, Mary Beth Grasso and her husband Ralph of Stratford, CT, Maureen O'Neill of Boston and Mattapoisett, Brian O'Neill and his wife Tricia of Roswell, GA, and Terry O'Neill and his wife Elke of San Francisco, CA; a sister, Marjory L. Kennedy and her husband John of Tennessee; ten grandchildren, D.J., Matt and Abby DaCosta, Cate, Michael and Maggie Grasso, Connor, Caroline, Maddy and Brendan O'Neill; and many nieces and nephews.

She was the grandmother of the late Erin DaCosta.

Her Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, January 9th at 10 AM at St. Anthony's Church. Burial followed in St. Anthony's Cemetery. Visiting hours were on Sunday from 4-7 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Rd., (Route 6), Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Sherrill House, 135 South Huntington Ave., Jamaica Plain, MA 02130. For directions and guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

Catherine V. (McDonald) Haley, 93, died Saturday, January 7, 2012 at Sippican Health Care Center in Marion after a long illness. She was the wife of the late David N.

Haley.

Born in Quincy, she was the daughter of the late James J. & Margaret A. (Donlon) McDonald. Mrs. Haley graduated from Quincy High School and then from Bridgewater State College in 1940. She was a 3rd grade teacher at the Center School in Mattapoisett.

She is survived by two sons, David Haley and his wife Patty of Winter Park, FL and James Haley and his wife Eileen of Wareham; her daughter, Margaret DePippo and her husband Michael of Swampscott; 6 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and several nieces.

A graveside service was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2012 in St. Anthony's Cemetery, Mattapoisett at 10:00 am. Visiting hours have been omitted.

Therese Y. (Lapante) Hebert, 81, of Fairhaven died January 8, 2012 at St. Luke's Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Farnham, Quebec the daughter of the late Adelard and Aurore (Messier) Laplante, she lived in New Bedford and Fairhaven most of her life.

She was a member of New Life Pentecostal Church.

Mrs. Hebert was formerly employed as a licensed practical nurse at St. Luke's Hospital for many years until her retirement.

She was an avid crafter.

Survivors include a son, Morris Hebert of Massachusetts; 2 daughters, Mary Hebert of St. Louis and Michele Bissonnette and her husband Barry of Mattapoisett; 2 grandchildren, Kristen and Scott.

Private arrangements are with the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home For Funerals, 50 County Rd. (Rt. 6) Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to Our Lady's Haven, 71 Center St. Fairhaven, MA 02719. For on-line guestbook, please visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

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Helen Smith and John Duff; Best Looking: Judy Furnans and Michael Beauchemin. Other categories were: Most Likely to Succeed, Best Dressed, Most Flirtatious, and Most Ambitious.

Don't forget the groundbreaking done by two 1962 female classmates, **Barbara Harriman** and **Judy Furnans**. They were the first female team to go down the Mattapoissett River in the Rochester Memorial Boat Race in 1962. Nice going, ladies!

Rochester Country Fair Raffle

Congratulations to Cam Bacchiocchi of Middleboro, winner of the Rochester Country Fair's Lottery Ticket Raffle Fundraiser! Police Chief Paul Magee

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Dr. Kate Marmelo graduated from Bishop Stang High School and received her Bachelor's of Science in Biology from Providence College (class of 2000). In 2004, she received her Doctorate of Optometry from New England College of Optometry. Dr. Marmelo purchased the Pearle Vision in North Dartmouth in 2010 where she examines patients of all ages. Dr. Marmelo resides in Mattapoissett with her husband and two children.

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EDITOR'S PICK OF THE WEEK

Book Review

On Ethics and Religion

Beyond Religion: Ethics for the Whole World

Book by: The 14th Dalai Lama

Review by: Laura Fedak Pedulli

With the New Year behind us, resolutions may be at the forefront of our minds. We, as humans, love any excuse to reinvent ourselves – and what better way to spice up post-holiday ennui than some new ambitions and goals?

Violence, poverty, environmental degradation, stress. Many of the realities we face, although not new to civilizations – seem to be reaching a boiling point. The urge to live better and more ethically is one resolution that may find us in this complicated world.

Published last month, Dalai Lama's latest book *Beyond Religion: Ethics for the Whole World* seeks an approach to ethics "which makes no recourse to religion and can be equally accessible to those with faith and those without; a security ethics."

Dalai Lama believes that the rise of multiculturalism and the decreasing central roles of religious institutions in societies across the world have created a crisis in ethics – namely that inner values are not taught and the lack of such may contribute to many of the world's problems.

"Is it possible that our responsibilities are now growing too fast for our natural capacity for moral discernment to keep pace?" he asks.

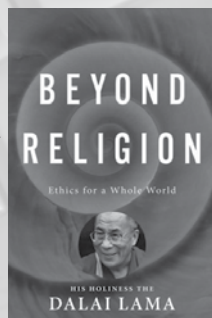
Dalai Lama said there needs to be an ethical framework and approach to the world for both nonbelievers and believers – and said this should be based on compassion, holistic thinking, and his view that "we need to view our best interests as the best interests of everyone." He talks about the importance of discernment, or rational thought, in responding to life's circumstances but also of living with values of modesty, restraint, service, and generosity.

He also delves into ways to cultivate strong inner values by "educating the mind through training the heart", including how to deal with destructive emotions, be ethically mindful and meditate. He is upfront that his Tibetan Buddhist background has shaped his beliefs, and urges believers to look to their religious backgrounds with ethical guidance – but he stresses that nonbelievers too can develop a system of internal values so needed in our world.

It is surprising that a religious leader is



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speaking out on his belief, that strong moral ethics don't necessarily need religion to flourish. Looking in our Tri-Town backyard, two local reverends shared their views on religion and ethics. Bear in mind, both had not read Dalai Lama's new book and approached it merely as the question: Does an ethically moral world require religion?

"Religion helps to define, and bring sense to ethics," said Rev. Christian Leo of the Rochester Congregational Church. He said everyone naturally has an ethics systems and "does what is right in their own eyes" but without religion a relativity of what is right and wrong can lead to misguided consequences.

For instance, he said a tribe in Papua New Guinea's highest goal is treachery. "When missionaries first told the Gospel, Judas was the hero," he said.

"What religion tries to do is define ethics by someone other than us [humans]," he said, citing the importance of the 10 Commandments and how eight of the ten deal with how humans treat humans. He said religion, which means to bind and obligate, provides ethics and rules of living – including the Christian tradition of mercy "that helps us to define who we are as a culture beyond ourselves," he said.

Rev. Jeffrey Piper of the Marion Episcopal Church shared many of Rev. Christian's views, and said that the lack of a religious framework can lead to moral demise.

"The intelligent, well educated and highly cultured 1930s and 1940s German were able to grossly hijack any moral philosophy to justify a horror show," he said, alluding to the holocaust. He also cited eugenics, or "selective breeding of the human race" which people believed in. "There was an intelligent, thoughtful basis of the grossest episodes of human history," he said.

He said religion provides a starting point because it is a locus of absolute values. "Certainly there are humanistic codes of ethics that are both rational and consistent. It requires that we name something as an absolute good, or as an instrumental good. Whatever is named as ultimately important, in some sense, requires an act of faith," he said, but added, "but I do think you can certainly find considerable overlap between merely humanistic ethics and religiously derived ethics, I think you would expect to find considerable common ground among people who care about those things."

Whether you agree with the Dalai Lama or two Tri-Town reverends or fall in between, *Beyond Religion: Ethics for the Whole World*, gives you a lot to think during this transitional time on what it means to have strong morals in a shrinking world in the 21st century. At 203 pages, it is easy to read and digest and worth, in the very least, pondering over.

drew the winning raffle ticket on Wednesday, January 4.

Thank you to everyone who took a chance to win while supporting the Rochester Country Fair! There will be another Lottery Ticket Raffle later in January. Raffle Tickets Cost \$10 each and only 200 tickets will be sold. For more information, e-mail organizer Julie Koczera at jkoczera1@verizon.net.

Contact Julie Koczera at 774-263-1148 or any of the Fair Committee members, or visit www.rochesterma.com for more information.

From the Mattapoisett Treasurer

Town Ordered Auction – The Town of Mattapoisett will hold a property auction for five (5) parcels on Tuesday, January 24 at the Town Hall. For more information, go to the Town's website, www.mattapoisett.net, and click on the icon "Town Auction Info". Registration starts at 10:30 am, and the auction begins at 11:00 am.

Rochester Water Committee to Be Formed

On November 3, 2011, the Governor signed a bill allowing the Town of Rochester to establish a Water Commission. This will be a three-member board to be elected at the April 11, 2012, Annual Town Election. There will be one position for three years, one position for two years and one position for one year. Nomination papers are available at the Town Clerk's office.

Mattapoisett Kindergarten Registration

An orientation meeting for the parents of all children eligible to enter Kindergarten in the 2012/2013 school year is scheduled for Wednesday, **January 25** at 6:30 pm in the Center School cafeteria. All parent of children eligible to attend Kindergarten are asked to attend this special informative meeting. The meeting is for parents and guardians only, and the children will have the opportunity to visit the school on a later date.

Any child born before September 1, 2007 is eligible for enrollment in the 2012/2013 school year. At the meeting, Kindergarten teachers will be present to highlight the Kindergarten program (full day and

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MOVIE REVIEW

Bad Movie

By Rob Gonsalves
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***The Devil Inside*. Starring Fernanda Andrade and Suzan Crowley. Directed by William Blake Bell. Running time: 87 minutes. MPAA rating: R.**

Contrary to what you might hope, *The Devil Inside* is not a biopic about INXS frontman Michael Hutchence, who died in 1997 under circumstances we shall not discuss. That would've been a more interesting movie, and possibly even a scarier one, than the film by that title currently in theaters. I'll cut to the chase: Despite its opening-weekend gross of \$34 million, *The Devil Inside* has already grown notorious for the widespread, quite vocal audience disappointment at its ending: booing, cries of "I want my money back!" My screening, I must report, was no different; one gentleman stood and delivered a two-word, unprintable capsule review — I was tempted to just go with that, but we do have a page to fill here — while a woman offered rather plaintively, "Maybe if we wait, they'll show another movie?" No, ma'am, they won't.

In 1989, we are told, a woman named Maria Rossi (Suzan Crowley) killed two priests and a nun (rivalling the psychotic Krug in Wes Craven's *Last House on the Left*, who'd killed two nuns and a priest) during an attempted exorcism at her house. An early news report we see, filed before the facts were in, characterizing this exorcism as "a church group" provides the one lonely bit of entertainment in the entire film. *The Devil Inside* is yet another mock-documentary, found-footage horror movie, which means we spend a lot of time wondering why the cameraman doesn't just say — well, what the gentleman in my theater said — and run away. This intrepid, stupid cameraman tracks the journey of Isabella Rossi (Fernanda Andrade), the daughter of the woman with the triple murder rap. Maria is tucked away in a laughing academy in Rome, where, for fun, she carves crosses on her arms and generally behaves like every demon-possessed movie character of the last 39 years.

Isabella's quest is to find out whether her mother



is really possessed, and she enlists the help of two rogue priests who have sworn to perform unauthorized exorcisms on afflicted people the Vatican turns its back on. They mostly fumble about, looking at this reading or that, while the victim more or less dances on the ceiling and stops just short of going out like Michael Hutchence did. They first visit a possessed young woman played by someone who, I gather, is an impressive contortionist. Some Latin clears her right up. Then they visit Maria, a tougher nut to crack; whatever's in her may have the ability to jump to another body. We know this because the word "transference" works its way into at least a dozen conversations, up to and including "Should we have Chinese or Italian take-out?"

Towards the miserable end, the itchy-footed demon hops from one person to another, and before the credits roll we are invited to visit www.therossifiles.com for more information on this developing case. This is how the world ends: not with a bang or a whimper but with a URL. "Be part of the ongoing investigation," the website tells us. Thank you, but no. I see a great many lame things on the site, but a proper ending to the film I and many millions paid to see is not among them. I see "Click below to discuss the case with others," but I do not see "Click below to get your money back." In the comments section, I see many credulous viewers (or webmasters posing as such) debating solemnly over whether the film's events were real, but I do not see anyone responding as did the loudly unimpressed gentleman in my theater, who I now maintain is the most spontaneously honest film critic I have heard since Pauline Kael died. Well done, sir; I concur.

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morning program) and curriculum. Registration packets will also be available for you to take home and complete.

Kindergarten registration dates are Wednesday, February 1 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm or Thursday, February 2 from 9:00 to 11:00 am in the Center School cafeteria. Registration is for parents and guardians only. Parents are asked to bring completed registration packets to the registration night.

If you have a child who is eligible for kindergarten, but will not be attending, and/or will be attending a private school, please call the Center School office at 508-758-2521 to notify the school of your intentions.

Mattapoisett Library Friends Book Sale

Come to the Friends of the Mattapoisett Library's book sale on **January 14**, and take home a bag of books for eight dollars. The sale is held on the second Saturday of the month in the library's Meeting Room from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm.

You can purchase a copy of the new Friends cookbook, a compilation of favorite recipes including a selection from the library's "Cooks and Books" chefs. As always, donations of your gently-used books are welcome at the library during business hours.

From the Rochester Town Clerk

- **Dog Licenses** – It is time to renew your dog



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license for 2012. Licenses are available at the Town Clerk's office. Spayed and Neutered dogs are \$7. Unspayed and Un-neutered dogs are \$10. You must have current rabies information to obtain a license. You may contact the clerk's office at 508-763-3866 to check rabies information on file prior to visiting the office for your license. Just a reminder, the Town Clerk's office is open on Monday evenings between the hours of 5:00 and 7:00 pm. So, if you cannot get to the Rochester Town Hall during normal business hours, remember there are evening hours for your convenience.

- **Annual Town Election for 2012** – The Annual Town Election for the Town of Rochester will be held on **April 11, 2012**. Nomination papers are available at

Groundhog Cover Contest

The Wanderer is once again holding our Groundhog Day Cover Contest. The winner's artwork will appear on the cover of our February 2, 2012 issue. The winner will also receive a new iPod touch.



Create an original work of art to be displayed on the cover of *The Wanderer*. Anything that can be displayed on the cover is acceptable, photos, drawings, paintings, etc.

Entries are due in The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett by noon on January 20.

Remember, all artwork should be tall to best fit on our cover.

All entries must include a signed copy of the Official Entry Form which can be picked up at The Wanderer office, 55 County Road, Mattapoisett or downloaded at www.wanderer.com

Voting will start on January 21 and end on January 30. To vote, visit our web page at: www.wanderer.com. The winner will be on the cover of our February 2, 2012 issue.

Everyone who votes will be entered to win a *Wanderer* Groundhog Gift Basket!



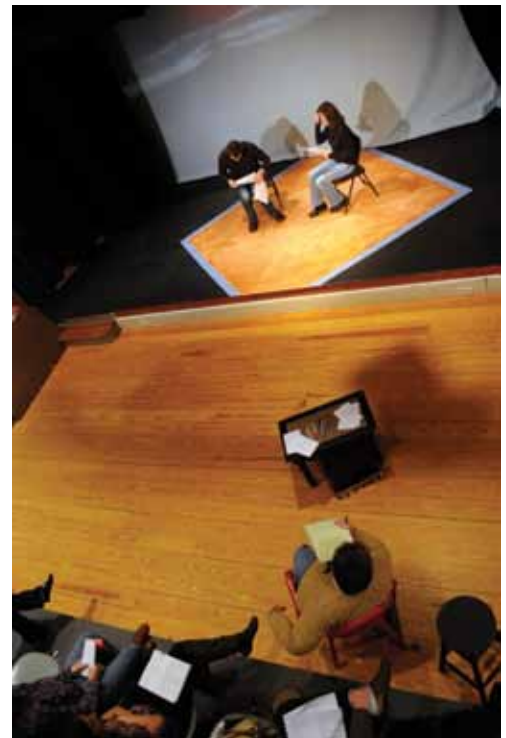
TriTOWN HAPPENINGS



An SUV was completely consumed by a fire in Rochester on Braley Hill Road, on Saturday evening, January 7, 2012. Story on page 3. Photos by Laura Fedak Pedulli.



Auditions for Romantic Fool were held at the Marion Arts Center on January 8. The play will be directed by Sheila Furtado. Photos by Felix Perez.



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the Town Clerk's office. The last day to take out papers for positions on the 2012 ballot is Wednesday, **February 22, 2012**. Positions open are Selectman, three years, Moderator, three years, Assessor, three years, Board of Health, three years, Cemetery Commission, three years, Park Commission, three years, Library Trustee, two positions, three years, Tree Warden, three years, Rochester Memorial School Committee, two positions, three years, Planning Board, one position, five years, one position, three years and one position for one year. Just a reminder, the Town Clerk's office is open on Monday evenings between the hours of 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

Local Coat Drive Benefits Those in Need

A Mattapoisett coat drive, organized by Doreen Gomes and Nancy Duff, yielded 160 gently used and new coats of all shapes and sizes on December 31, 2011. The coats were collected and donated to Child and Family Services for distribution to people in need in the Greater New Bedford Area.

"Every year I think there won't be any coats left to give and every year the community opens its closets and gives," Ms. Duff said.

Mattapoisett resident Bruce Rocha assisted in delivering the truckload of coats to Child and Family Services in New Bedford.

"Once again Bruce Rocha... took time out of his busy schedule to make this possible," said Ms. Gomes.

More than 760 coats have been collected since the One Warm Coat drive began in 2008, and over 560 have been donated to Child and Family Services.

"Seeing people choose coats that put smiles on their faces and knowing they will not be cold this winter is heartwarming," said Child and Family Services director of development Susan Remy. "Nancy and Doreen



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do a fantastic job organizing this coat drive and we are thankful to be recipients."

Child and Family Services is a private, non-profit organization. It is not state run, so support from the community is vital. Thousands of people benefit each year from the more than 20 programs Child and Family Services offers. Since 1843, hundreds of thousands of children, adults and families in the Greater New Bedford area have benefitted from Child and Family services.

One Warm Coat is a national non-profit organization that supports and encourages coat drives. It helps individuals, groups, companies and organizations across the country collect coats and deliver them to local agencies for distribution. More than one million coats



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Namaste. Rochester Women's Club member Marsha Hartley conducted a yoga class at the Clubhouse on Marion Rd in Rochester on Saturday, January 7, 2012. The classes are a fundraiser for the club to make repairs on their clubhouse. For information on the yoga classes, please call Ms. Hartley at 508-322-0998. Photo by Robert Chiarito.



Above: The Mattapoisett Fire Department had an early morning call to the Kinsale Inn on January 5, 2012. The first officer on scene reported that there was smoke in the building and that all occupants had safely exited. When the Fire Department investigated they found that smoke from a fireplace had backed up into the building. Photo by Paul Lopes.

Left: A Mattapoisett "One Warm Coat" drive, organized by Doreen Gomes and Nancy Duff, yielded 160 gently used and new coats of all shapes and sizes on December 31, 2011. The coats were collected and donated to Child and Family Services for distribution to people in need in the Greater New Bedford Area. From left to right, Nancy Duff, Susan Remy, Bruce E Rocha Jr., Laura Pedulli, Marc Boulanger, Jacob Hasson help with the One Warm Coat Drive. Photo by Bruce Rocha.

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Habitat Home and Garden Show

The First Annual Habitat for Humanity Home and Garden Show will be held at Tabor Academy on Saturday, **March 24** from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is free.

Old Colony Students of the Month

The following Tri-Town students were recognized as "Students of the Month" for January 2012:

Rochester resident **Lacey Duval**, Cosmetology; Rochester resident **Carolyn Ciccatelli**, Graphic Communications; and Mattapoisett resident **Ryan McGreavy**, Welding/Metal Fabrication.

Retirement Program for Mattapoisett Seniors

Are you thinking of retiring? Mattapoisett residents can receive free transportation to a retirement seminar in Middleboro on **February 8** at 4:00 pm. The seminar will take place at the Middleboro Council on Aging at 558 Plymouth Street. A guest speaker from the Social Security office will help answer your questions on when and how to apply for Medicare.

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Relay For Life of Tri-Town

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MARION

Log highlights Jan. 2 - 8*

- Delano Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Mill St – Building Check
- Front St – Medical Emergency
- Piney Point Rd – Annoying Phone Calls
- North Dr – Vandalism
- County Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Briggs Ln – Medical Emergency
- Mill St – Vandalism
- Wareham Rd – Hit&Run, Prop. Damage
- Spring St – Burglar Alarm
- Point Rd – Building Check
- Front St – Vehicle Stop
- Front St – Building Check
- Mill St – Disabled Vehicle
- Point Rd – Suspicious Activity
- Rt 195 E – Recovered Property
- Wareham Rd – Fire Alarm
- Nokomis Rd – Welfare Check
- Pumping Station Rd – Arrest
- Mill St – Medical Emergency
- Front St – Fraud
- Thomas Ln – Suspicious Person
- Dexter Beach – Gunshots Reported
- Jenney Ln – Burglar Alarm
- County Rd – Vehicle Stop
- Main St, Wareham – EMS Mutual Aid
- Front St – Vehicle Stop
- Wilson Rd – General Service

MATTAPOISETT

Log highlights Jan. 2 - 8*

- Bethany Ln – Ambulance Request
- Fairhaven Rd – Animal Control
- Long Plain Rd – Car Accident
- County Rd – Vandalism
- Angelica Ave – Burglar Alarm
- Hammond St – Domestic Disturbance
- Briar Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Acushnet Rd – Vandalism
- Pearl St – Vandalism
- Hubbard's Way – Disturbance
- North St – Parking Violation
- Barstow St – 911 Call
- Holly Woods Rd – Fire Alarm
- River Rd – Animal Control
- Angelica Ave – Welfare Check
- North St – Drugs/Narcotics
- North St – Ambulance Request
- Boxberry Path – Suspicious Persons
- North St – Larceny
- Hi-Ona-Hill Rd – Burglar Alarm
- Fairhaven Rd – Burglary
- North St – Suspicious Vehicle
- Marion Rd – Suspicious Persons
- Tinkham Ln – Fire
- Island St – Animal Control
- Silver Shell Ave – Annoying Calls
- North St – Vehicle Violations
- Ned's Point Rd – Drugs/Narcotics

ROCHESTER

Log highlights Jan. 2 - 8

- Mayflower Woods – Area Check
- Mary's Pond Rd – Animal Control
- Pine St – Burglar Alarm
- Paradise Meadows – Area Check
- Mattapoisett Rd – Vehicle Stop
- County Rd – Vehicle Stop
- County Rd – Firearms Violations
- Wordell St – Serve Warrant
- Burgess Ave – Parking Violations
- Dexter Ln – Building Check
- Marion Rd – Building Check
- North Ave – Vehicle Stop
- Cranberry Hwy – Burglar Alarm
- Mattapoisett Rd – Animal Control
- Snipatuit Rd – Ambulance Request
- Neck Rd – Larceny
- High St – Suspicious Activity
- North Ave – Vehicle Stop
- Neck Rd – Illegal Dumping
- Cranberry Hwy – Erratic Operation
- High St – Fire
- Randall Rd – Larceny
- Maxim Rd – Suspicious Activity
- Krystal Ln – Illegal Dumping
- Hartley Rd – Firearms Violation
- Snipatuit Rd – Noise Complaint
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious Activity
- Mary's Pond Rd – Car Accident

For a full PDF of the three town's police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.



REGIONAL LUNCH MENUS

COASTLINE ELDERLY NUTRITION PROGRAM

Monday, **January 16:** CLOSED.
Tuesday, **January 17:** Spaghetti & meatballs, genoa blend vegetables, multi grain roll, pudding, diet: pudding.

Wednesday, **January 18:** Roast pork w/ rosemary gravy, red bliss potatoes, winter blend vegetables, whole wheat bread, chilled fruit.
Thursday, **January 19:** Beef chili w/ vegetables, fluffy rice, whole wheat roll, fresh fruit.
Friday, **January 20:** Chicken salad, pasta salad, beet salad, pita bread, artichoke, diet: jello.

MATTAPOISETT ELEMENTARY - CENTER

Monday, **January 16:** NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 17:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, ceasar salad, potato chips, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 18:** Stuffed crust pizza, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 19:** Hot dog on a bun, oven roasted potato wedges,

steamed peas, fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 20:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, broccoli salad, fruit, milk.

OLD HAMMONDTOWN

Monday, **January 16:** NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 17:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, ceasar salad, potato chips, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 18:** Stuffed crust pizza, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 19:** Hot dog on a bun, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed peas, fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 20:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, broccoli salad, fruit, milk.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH

Monday, **January 16:** NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 17:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, ceasar salad, potato chips, fresh fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 18:** Beef chili w/ cheese & homemade corn bread,

steamed green beans, fresh fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 19:** Hot dog on a bun, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed peas, fresh fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 20:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, broccoli salad, fresh fruit, milk.

ROCHESTER MEMORIAL

Monday, **January 16:** NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 17:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce & tomato, ceasar salad, potato chips, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 18:** Stuffed crust pizza, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 19:** Hot dog bun, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed peas, fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 20:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, broccoli salad, fruit, milk.

SIPPICAN SCHOOL, MARION

Monday, **January 16:** NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 17:** Crispy chicken patty on a bun w/ lettuce &

tomato, ceasar salad, potato chips, fruit, milk.
Wednesday, **January 18:** Stuffed crust pizza, steamed green beans, fruit, milk.
Thursday, **January 19:** Hot dog on a bun, oven roasted potato wedges, steamed peas, fruit, milk.
Friday, **January 20:** Hamburger or cheeseburger w/ lettuce & tomato, broccoli salad, fruit, milk.

OLD COLONY REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH

Monday, **January 16:** NO SCHOOL.
Tuesday, **January 17:** Chow Mein sandwich, rice, mixed vegetables, pineapples.
Wednesday, **January 18:** Macaroni & cheese, green beans, bread stick, peaches.
Thursday, **January 19:** Linguica sandwich, pasta salad, kale soup, applesauce.
Friday, **January 20:** Chicken nuggets, fries, carrots, fruit.

School-library, 135 Marion Rd, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 at 7:00 pm.

This kick-off is to introduce the 2012 season to the community, previous/existing teams and anyone that is interested hearing more about this event. You will learn about the 2012 theme, cancer facts, fundraising ideas and information on how to form a team. Everyone in the community is encouraged to attend and hear how they can make a difference in what has become the largest single non-profit organization in the world.

For more information, please call Heather at 508-758-8017 or e-mail the event at tritownrelay@comcast.net or find the group on Facebook or Twitter under Tri-Town Relay for Life.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease. At Relay, teams of people camp out at a local high school, park, or fairground and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Because cancer never sleeps, Relay For Life is an overnight event that lasts up to 24 hours.

One Day, One Night, One Community, Our Fight!

Local Author to Speak at MWC

Join the Mattapoisett Woman's Club on Thursday, **January 19** at noon to relive local history at its best.

Author Lynda Ames has spent 28 years studying the genealogy and history of the South Coast. Since her 2009 retirement as a historian at the Wareham Free Library, she has been working on her book, *In The Dark Woods of Wareham*, the 1895 true story of a Westport peddler who was murdered while on his rounds in Wareham. During her talk, she will touch on the research process and provide tips for reliable genealogical sources. Please join the Club and invite your friends.

Mattapoisett Woman's Club meetings are held in Reynard Hall, at the Mattapoisett Congregational Church, 27 Church Street, Mattapoisett. Join the Club for light



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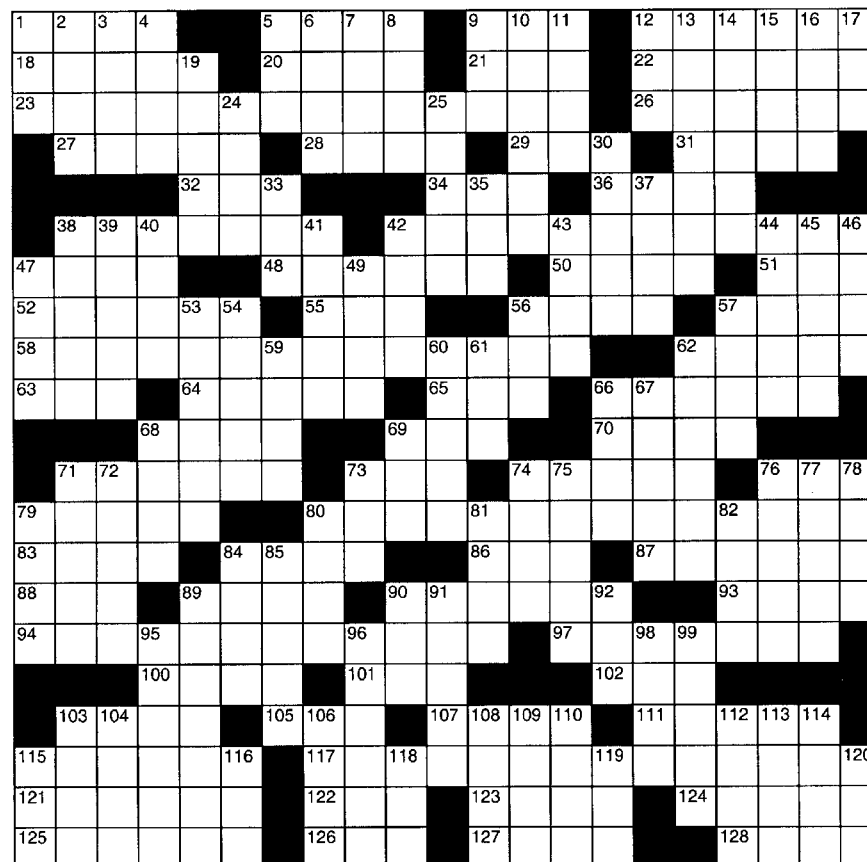
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) A hectic period begins to wind down. Take time to draw some deep breaths and relax before getting into your next project. A long-absent family member makes contact.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You're eager to move forward with a new challenge that suddenly dropped in your lap. But you'd be wise to take this one step at a time to allow new developments to come through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You're almost ready to make a commitment. A lingering doubt or two, however, should be resolved before you move ahead. An associate could provide important answers.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Caution is still the watchword as you move closer toward a decision about a new situation. If you act too fast, you might miss some vital warning signs. Go slowly and stay alert.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your new goal looks promising, and your golden touch does much to enhance its prospects for success. In your private life, Cupid does his best to make your new relationship special.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) That impatient side of yours is looking to goad you into moving before you're ready to take that big step. Stay calm and cool. Let things fall into place before you act.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) A legal matter you hoped could finally be settled could be a pesky problem for a while, until all the parties agree to stop disagreeing with each other. Be patient.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Partnerships -- personal or professional -- which began before the new year take on new importance. They also reveal some previously hidden risks. So be warned.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your associates are firmly on your side, and that persistent problem that has caused you to delay some activities should soon be resolved to your satisfaction.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Favorable changes continue to dominate, and you should be responding positively as they emerge. Someone wants to become more involved in what you're doing.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friend wants to share a secret that could answer some questions you've wondered about for a long time. Meanwhile, travel aspects continue to be strong.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Stay on your new course despite so-called well-meaning efforts to discourage you. Rely on your deep sense of self-awareness to guide you to do what's right for you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have the capacity to meet challenges that others might find overwhelming, and turn them into successful ventures.

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Americans today. The publication provides background information, current data, and policy options for each of the eight issues and serves as the focal text for our discussions. Topics for 2012 include: Middle East realignment, Promoting democracy, Mexico, Cyber-security, Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq, State of the Oceans, Indonesia, and Energy geopolitics.

Great Decisions meets once a week on Wednesdays for eight consecutive weeks from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm beginning **January 25, 2012** in the lower meeting room of the Mattapoisett Free Public Library. The expected ending date is March 14. A snow date would extend the meetings to March 21.

For more information contact co-chairs: Ellen P. Flynn at 508-758-1312 or Eileen Marum at 508-758-9751.

"Silver Foxx" Performs in Mattapoisett

"The Silver Foxx" George Cataldo will present "Music Through the Ages" on Thursday, **January 26** at the Mattapoisett Council on Aging, Center School, third floor auditorium at 17 Barstow Street, Mattapoisett. There will be a 12:30 pm luncheon and the show will be from 1:00 to 3:00 pm.

Come enjoy songs from the Big Band era, music from Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and other classics all the way to the present. There is enough room for dancing too, so come have a good time.

Cost is \$5 per person. Contact the Mattapoisett COA by January 23 for reservations: 508-758-4110.

Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Republican Town Committee will be meeting on **January 25** at 6:00 pm in the Mattapoisett Library. The Committee is joining forces with Marion and Rochester to energize for the 2012 election. All are welcome to attend the meeting. For more information, call 508-813-6304.

Nasketucket Bird Club

On Saturday, December 17, nine members of the Nasketucket Bird Club led by Justin Barrett, Club President and Mike LaBossiere, Past President, scoured

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<p>NOTICE OF LIEN & FORECLOSURE EXTRA SPACE STORAGE 1640 Hartford Ave. Johnston, RI 02919</p> <p>This demand for cash payment or certified funds payment is made relative to the following: A6 Jason OConnell \$1,014.</p> <p>You must pay the balance due by January 1st, 2012. Additional costs will be incurred if payment is further delayed. Should you fail to comply, an owner's lien will be imposed and the property you stored with us and will be advertised for sale and sold at public auction on January 25, 2012. Such auction will be held at the address shown above to satisfy our lien. 12/22, 01/05, 01/12</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS LEGAL NOTICE CASE #654</p> <p>The Marion Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2012 in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House, on the application of Bay Watch Realty Trust for modification of Comprehensive Permit from 168 rental units to 60 rental units and 36 single-family for-sale units.</p> <p>The property, located on Front Street, is further identified on Assessors' Plan 24 as Lots 27, 28 and 29. Zoning Board of Appeals Robert D. Wedge, Chairman 01/05, 01/12</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 4:45 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by Bracken Engineering, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 319 Delano Rd, further identified as Map 5, Lot 13A.</p> <p>The following variance to Title 5 is requested: 310 CMR 15.405: Requesting a local upgrade approval for a reduction of the system location setback from a foundation wall from 20' to 13.8'.</p> <p>Marion Board of Health John B. Howard, M.D., Chairman 01/05, 01/12</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF ROCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Town of Rochester Police Department will be conducting Alcohol Compliance Checks throughout the year of all establishments holding liquor licenses. Paul H. Magee, Chief of Police 01/05, 01/12</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PETITION FOR AQUACULTURE PERMIT</p> <p>The Town of Mattapoisett on January 24th, 2012 at 7:15 PM at Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street will conduct a Public Hearing on the application of James O'Dowd for an Aquaculture Grant in Nasketucket Bay off of the shores of the State Nasketucket Reservation. This application is permission to have a two acre grant</p>	<p>in waters greater than one fathom in depth for the purpose of growing to market size Eastern Oysters (<i>Crassostrea virginica</i>). Location Coordinates are: N corner 41 degrees, 37'35.91" N 70 degrees, 50' 23.06" W SE corner 41 degrees, 37' 31.71" N 70 degrees, 50' 23.06" W S corner 41 degrees, 37' 32.43" N 70 degrees, 50' 27.92" W NW corner 41 degrees, 37' 35.68" N 70 degrees, 50' 32.32" W</p> <p>Final exact location in the vicinity of these coordinates to be ascertained by State through a required benthic survey.</p> <p>A complete copy of the application, supporting documentation, and maps associated with the request are available at the Mattapoisett Board of Selectmen's Office Town Hall, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4:00 PM. Town of Mattapoisett, Board of Selectmen, Paul Silva, Chairman, Town Hall, 16 Main Street. 01/05, 01/12</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS</p> <p>Notice is hereby given that the Mattapoisett Board of Appeals will hold a Public Hearing on the following applications:</p> <p>Application of Michael & Paula Ward of 11 Upland Way, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 8 Tobey Lane. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Section 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct a family room, master bedroom and garage to an existing dwelling which will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 10, Lot 85 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. #1234</p> <p>Application by Shovel Towne Classic Homes LLC for Mark and Janice Brockman of 14 Cove Street, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 14 Cove Street. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct a deck/screen room that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 1, Lot 16 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:15 P.M. #1235</p> <p>Application of Cedar Realty Trust, c/o Greta Fox of 15 Highland Avenue PC, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 7 Cedar Road, PC. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to demolish an existing dwelling and construct a new dwelling on a flood plain foundation which will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 2A, Lot 163 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:30 P.M. #1236</p> <p>Application of Harry and Lisa Segalas of 14 East 90th Street, Apt #3B, New York, NY 10128 re property located at 9 Bay Road PC.. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By Laws to construct a two-story addition that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 2A, Lot 164 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:45 P.M.</p>	<p>#1237</p> <p>Application of Nicole Demakis of 13637 Coyote Vista Way Jamul, CA 91935 re property located at 30 Pearl Street. The applicant is seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct at two-story addition to the rear of the existing dwelling that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 9, Lot 18 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:00 P.M. #1238</p> <p>Application of Virginia and Hannah Gaffey of 27 Silver Shell Avenue, Mattapoisett, MA 02739 re property located at 27 Silver Shell Avenue. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to construct an addition that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 5A, Lot 234 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:15 P.M. #1239</p> <p>Application of Stephanie Fleck and Michael Morin of 39 White Oak Road, Newton, MA 02468 re property located at 12 Euclid Avenue. The applicants are seeking a Special Permit under Sections 3.1.2.2 and 3.1.2.3 of the Zoning By-Laws to demolish an existing dwelling and construct a new, single family dwelling that will not meet the required setbacks. The property is further described as Plat 2, Lot 10 on the Assessors Map. The hearing will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room on Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 7:30 P.M. #1240</p> <p>Complete applications and plans as filed are available for inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk during normal office hours. Sincerely, Jeffrey R. Chase, Chairperson Norman Lonnais Susan Akin Mary Anne Brogan Paul Milott 01/05, 01/12</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:10 PM in the Town House conference room on a Notice of Intent submitted by SOLO REALTY LLC to upgrade the septic system at 102 Quails Crossing Road, shown as Lot 84 on Marion Assessors' Map 23. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Sherman E. Briggs, Jr., Chairman 01/12</p> <p>-----</p> <p>TOWN OF MARION CONSERVATION COMMISSION LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at 7:20 PM in the Town House conference room on a Request for Determination of Applicability #41D 1468 submitted by TOM C. IRELAND to upgrade the septic system at 77 County Road, shown as Lot 25N on Marion Assessors' Map 22. Plans are available at the Town House for review. Sherman E. Briggs, Jr., Chairman 01/12</p> <p>-----</p>

the marshes, woods, thickets and shoreline of Fairhaven during the annual Audubon Christmas Bird Count. The count has been going on for over one hundred years and our club has participated since 2007.

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The best birds of the day were two Razorbills seen close to shore off West Island. They are related to Puffins and usually spend their lives at sea. A Peregrine Falcon posed atop the mill on Angelica Rock and a disgruntled Great Horned Owl was woken up from its nap. Sixty-two species were identified.

The Nasketucket Bird Club meets most months at the Mattapoisett Public Library on Barstow Street at 7:00 pm on the fourth Thursday. Check the website at MassBird.org/Nasketucket/index.htm. Nasketucket members include birders from Mattapoisett, Wareham, Marion, Rochester, Fairhaven, Acushnet, and other area towns. The next meeting will be Thursday, **January 26** when the group will discuss plans for programs, trips, and speakers. Everyone is welcome.

Rochester PD Announces Entrance Exam

The Rochester Police Department has scheduled an Entrance Exam for the Rochester Police Department on **January 14, 2012**.

The Rochester Police Department employs 10 full time officers and 5 part time officers serving a population of approximately 5,400 residents. The department will be holding an entrance exam to fill both full and part time openings in the future.

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Details and eligibility requirements are provided on the Police Exam Solutions website: www.policeexamsolutions.com. If there is a specific question that has not been addressed there, submit an email to info@policeexamsolutions.com. Any calls made directly to the Rochester Police Department or Police Exam Solutions, may disqualify you from being hired.

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<p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by: Industrial Tower and Wireless, LLC, 40 Lone Street, Marshfield, MA 02050. The proposed project is for the development and associated grading for a telecommunications compound and 12' wide gravel drive.</p> <p>The project is at 0 Marion Road, and is further identified as Lots 82 & 79 on Assessor Map 23. Mattapoisett Conservation Commission 01/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by Long Built Homes, Inc.</p> <p>The Applicant proposes to construct a single family dwelling and perform associated site work which will involve a crossing through a Bordering Vegetated Wetland to provide site access.</p> <p>Site Work to be performed within the Wetland System involves the construction a driveway and associated fill and the installation of a culvert, sewer service pipe and overhead electric, cable and telephone wires. Site Work to be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone involves the construction of the house, wetland replication area and remaining driveway and the installation of associated utilities and fill required to grade the site.</p> <p>The site is located on Crestfield Street and is further identified as Lot #89 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #17. 01/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING</p> <p>The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 23, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Request for a Determination of Applicability submitted by: Christine Gibbons, P.O. Box 2953, Palm Beach, FL 33480.</p> <p>The proposed project is to construct a retaining wall adjacent to their southerly boundary. The proposed work will occur partially within and adjacent to Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Zone AE (E1, 14).</p> <p>The project is located at 12 Captain's Lane and is further identified as Lot #247 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #9. 01/12</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by SFG Associates, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 102 Quails Crossing Road, further identified as Map 23, Lot 84.</p> <p>The following variances to Title 5, Section 310 CMR 15.405(1) are requested:</p>	<p>(e) to allow the septic tank to be 13' +/- from the edge of a bordering vegetated wetland, instead of the required 25'.</p> <p>(e) to allow the pump chamber to be 17' +/- from the edge of the bordering vegetated wetland, instead of the required 25'.</p> <p>(e) to allow the soil absorption system to be 30' +/- from the edge of the bordering vegetated wetland, instead of the required 50'.</p> <p>(i) to allow the use of a sieve analysis to determine soil classification, instead of performing a percolation test.</p> <p>(k) to allow for one deep hole, instead of the required 2.</p> <p>Marion Board of Health John B. Howard, M.D., Chairman 01/12, 01/19</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 5 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted JC Engineering pertaining to the property located at 77 County Road, further identified as Map 22, Lot 25N.</p> <p>The following variances to Title 5 are requested:</p> <p>310 CMR 15.212: Depth to groundwater</p> <p>A 1.0' variance (4.0' - 3.0') to the separation between the bottom of the leaching field and groundwater.</p> <p>310 CMR 15.405 (i):</p> <p>A sieve analysis complying with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) policy is being requested in lieu of a percolation test in accordance with 15.104 & 105.105.</p> <p>Marion Board of Health John B. Howard, M.D., Chairman 01/12, 01/19</p> <hr/> <p>TOWN OF MARION BOARD OF HEALTH LEGAL NOTICE</p> <p>The Marion Board of Health will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Conference Room of the Marion Town House on the variance request submitted by N. Douglas Schneider & Associates, Inc. pertaining to the property located at 37 Piney Point Road, further identified as Map 2, Lot 33.</p> <p>The following variances are requested to Title 5 of the State Environmental Code and the Marion Sanitary Code:</p> <p>310 CMR 15.212: Depth to Groundwater:</p> <p>Requesting a variance to install the bottom of the soil absorption system three (3) feet above the estimated maximum high groundwater rather than the minimum four (4) foot requirement.</p> <p>MSC Section IV - 4.60; Sewage System Flow Design Criteria:</p> <p>Requesting a variance to design the leaching based on the minimum requirements of Title 5 at 550 gallons per day for a 5 bedroom house rather than the minimum requirements of the MSC at 620 gallons per day.</p> <p>Marion Board of Health John B. Howard, M.D., Chairman 01/12, 01/19</p>	<p>STUMP GRINDING HEAVY BRUSH MOWING BOBCAT LOADER WORK EVANGELHO LANDSCAPE.COM HAPPY HOLIDAYS THANKS 508995-5048</p> <hr/> <p>SUPREME CLEANING SERVICE You'll Have the Cleanest House in Town at Rates YOU Can Afford! Nancy 508-644-3404</p> <hr/> <p>TAI JI PLUS starting TU 9:30am in 2012. Awaken to your healing energy with easy to learn Taoist healing arts that promote good health through balance. MBSOares LicAc 758-6434</p> <hr/> <p>Trees Cut Lawn Service Clean Ups - Dump Trips - Mulch Heavy brush cutting, chain saw Jonathan 508-758-3347 Cell 508-287-4824</p> <hr/> <p>Two Men and a Dump Truck available for cleaning out yards, houses, barns, attics. Transfer station runs, etc. Hedge and Tree Trimming. Call 508-992-4021 or cell 508-525-0248. 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SOLE Seeks Donations

SOLE (Students Organizing Labor Equality) is a student run club at ORRHS. A division of the United Students Against Sweatshops, SOLE works to promote fair trade practices and USA made products within the high school and community. Last year SOLE was able to purchase fair trade soccer balls for the boys' soccer team. This year, SOLE is trying to raise enough money this year to do the same for the girls' team.

The school will be holding a technology drive to raise money until **January 19**. Below is a list of used items that would be accepted for donations:

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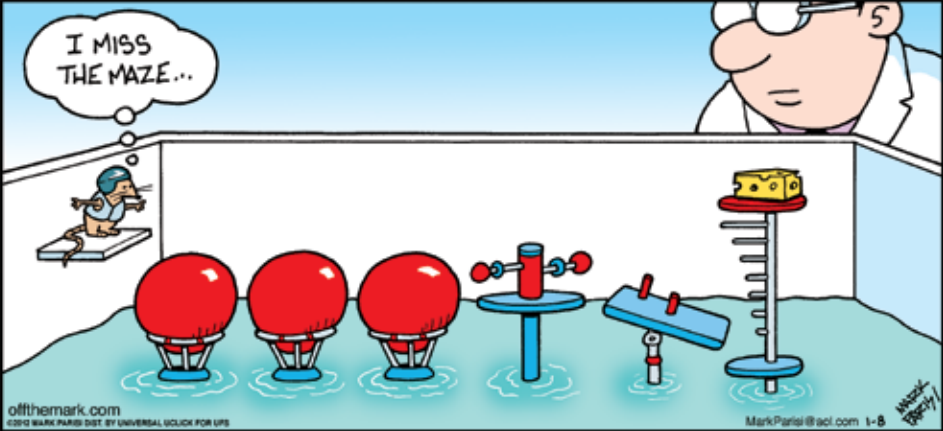
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- **2012 Presidential Election Year** – College Students - Absentee ballot applications are available in the Town Clerk's Office. As soon as college students know their college address, they should stop by and fill in an application so that we can send them a ballot as soon as they are available in 2012. A parent may also file this form for them. Ballots cannot be picked up (unless you are voting in person, here in the office) they must be mailed. All instructions will be sent with the ballot. A parent or immediate family member may return the ballot to us, but it must be sent via the mail. If you have any question please call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-758-4103 ext. 2

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PET PICK

This week's pick is Benny, who will be 14 in March.

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Heritage Committee Members Needed

The Heritage Days Committee appreciates all the positive responses have received from Mattapoisett residents and guests who have enjoyed Heritage summer programs. The committee has had the pleasure of planning these events for several years – however, committee numbers have decreased. For another Heritage Weekend Celebration to happen, many energetic volunteers are needed to commit for at least one year to the planning, researching, and hosting of Heritage Days Activities. This involves monthly meetings between

January and August to plan events. The process is exciting, a learning and sharing experience that can be very enjoyable and fulfilling.

An open meeting will be held on January 17 in the meeting room at the Mattapoisett Public Library, at 6:30 pm. Anyone who is willing to lend their ideas, talents and energy to bring about Heritage Days 2012, is welcome.

Please join if you have an interest in the cultural history of Mattapoisett and can commit for the 2012 season. Attendance at this meeting will determine if a program will be offered in 2012.

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• **Monday Dance Academy** – Monday Dance Academy includes classical dance instruction in ballet, tap, jazz and basic tumbling. Preschool (age 3 to 4) will meet from 4:30 to 5:00 and tuition is \$135/\$150; Kinderstep (age 5) will meet from 5:00 to 5:45 and tuition is \$150/\$165; Beginner (age 6 to 7) will meet from 5:45 to 6:30 and tuition is \$150/\$165. Classes start week of **February 6**. Teah Johnson is instructor.

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• **Little People's Theatre** – The Little People's Theatre (ages 5 to 9) meets on Tuesdays, 4:30 to 5:30. Session III is December 6 to January 17. Session IV is January 24 to March 6; Session V is March 13 to April 24 and Session VI is May 1 to June 9. Each week, the children will learn basic theater craft through drama games, readers' theater and experience the fun of the stage while rehearsing for a small production to be performed the last week of each session. Nancy Sparklin

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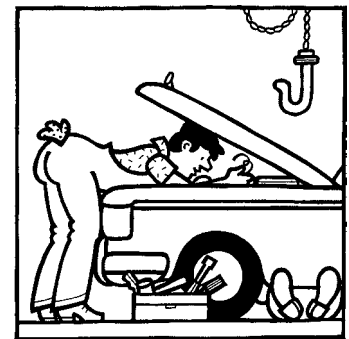
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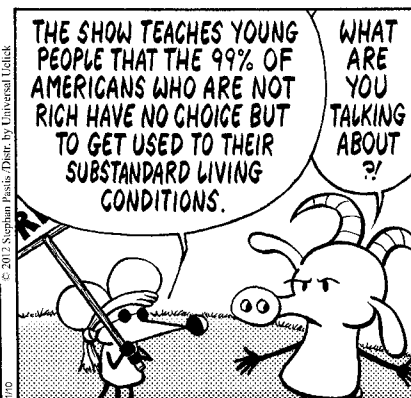
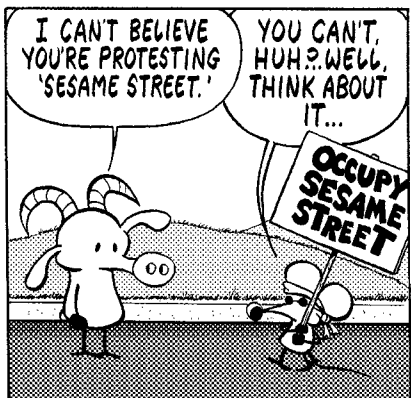
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• **Call for Artists:** The Marion Art Center invites artists to submit work for an exhibition and sale entitled “Images: The Lands of the Sippican Lands Trust”. The exhibition will run from October 5 to November 10, 2012.

Maps of the trails for the Sippican Lands Trust properties may be picked up at the Lands Trust offices at 354 Front Street in Marion, or visit their website at: www.SippicanLandsTrust.org.

For more information or to register for participation, please call the Marion Art Center: 508-748-1266, or email: marionartcenter@verizon.net.

• **Open Auditions:** Open auditions for *Romantic Fools*, a comic vaudeville by Rich Orloff, will take place on Sunday, **January 8** at 4:00 pm and Monday, **January 9** at 7:00 pm. The play requires 11 males and 11 females.



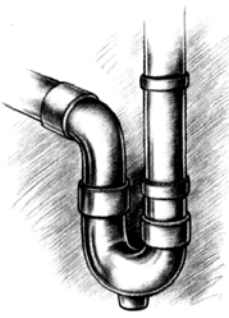
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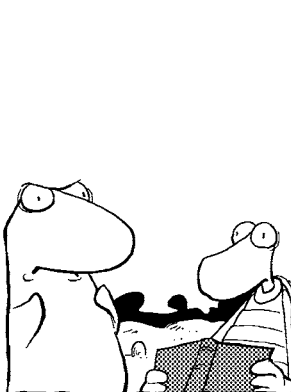
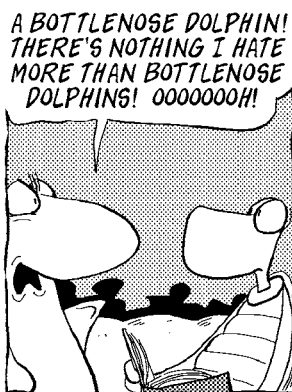
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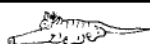
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January 13:	Fri.	10:35	11:07	3:42	4:08
January 14:	Sat.	11:26	...	4:30	4:51
January 15:	Sun.	12:00	12:21	5:26	5:41
January 16:	Mon.	12:56	1:18	6:35	6:42
January 17:	Tues.	1:56	2:20	8:07	7:54
January 18:	Wed.	3:00	3:26	9:35	9:06
January 19:	Thurs.	4:07	4:31	10:39	10:09
January 20:	Fri.	5:09	5:32	11:33	11:06
January 21:	Sat.	6:05	6:26	...	12:21
January 22:	Sun.	6:56	7:15	12:01	1:03
January 23:	Mon.	7:43	8:02	12:49	1:41
January 24:	Tues.	8:29	8:48	1:35	2:14
January 25:	Wed.	9:13	9:32	2:19	2:47
January 26:	Thurs.	9:57	10:16	2:59	3:20
January 27:	Fri.	10:40	10:59	3:39	3:54
January 28:	Sat.	11:22	11:42	4:20	4:31
January 29:	Sun.	...	12:04	5:03	5:11

Phases of the Moon	Last Quarter	January 16th
	New Moon	January 23rd
	First Quarter	January 31st
	Full Moon	February 8th



I Found the Aardvark!

Each week, hidden somewhere in the pages of *The Wanderer* is a tiny drawing of an armadillo. The little guy you are looking for looks exactly like the one pictured above (but don't put down this page as your answer, there's another one hidden somewhere in this issue).

Once you find the armadillo you can submit your answer online and if you are right you will get Armadillo Points! You can then use these points to get cool Armadillo Prizes! Each time you find the Armadillo you will also be entered in our monthly drawing for other cool Armadillo Prizes. If you would like to enter the monthly drawing by mail, send your name, address and phone number along with the issue date and page number you found him in to: Wanderer - I Found the Armadillo, P.O. Box 102, Mattapoisett, MA 02739. Entries by mail will not be eligible for Armadillo Points.

To enter visit: www.wanderer.com and Click on *I Found the Armadillo*
In the January 5, 2012 issue the Armadillo was on page 42!

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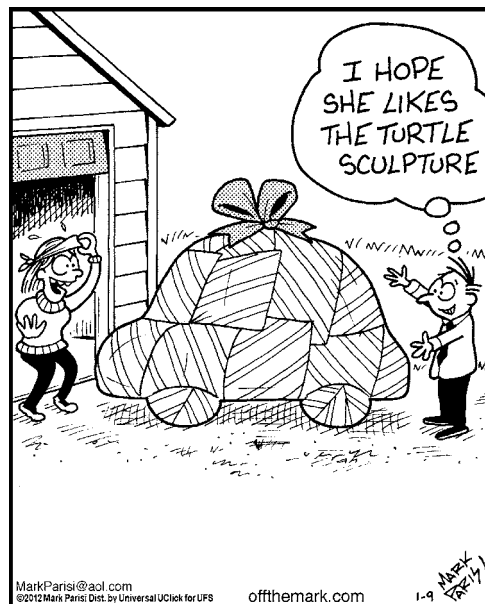
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Sudoku Answer

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3	6	1	5	4	2	7	9	8
6	1	2	4	5	9	8	3	7
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